

The Red House Mark Haddon



Read by Maxwell Caulfield

Richard, a wealthy doctor, invites his estranged sister, Angela, and her family to join his family for a week at a vacation home in the English countryside. Richard has just remarried and acquired a willful stepdaughter in the process; Angela has a husband whose career has collapsed and three children who sometimes seem alien to her. The stage is set for seven days of resentment and guilt, staples of family gatherings the world over.

Told through alternating viewpoints, *The Red House* becomes a symphony of longheld grudges, fading dreams and rising hopes, tightly guarded secrets, and illicit desires. But they do try—to forgive, to reach out, to soothe, to love—all adding up to a portrait of contemporary family life that is bittersweet, comic, and deeply felt.

The Red House is a literary tour de force that illuminates the puzzle of family in a profoundly empathetic manner.

MARK HADDON is the author of the international bestseller *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, which won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for First Fiction and the Whitbread Book of the Year award, and of the *New York Times* bestseller *A Spot of Bother*. In addition to *The Talking Horse and the Sad Girl* and *The Village Under the Sea*, a collection of poetry, Haddon has written and illustrated numerous award-winning children's books and television screenplays.

MAXWELL CAULFIELD began his film career with a starring role in *Grease 2*. His television credits include *Dynasty* and *The Colbys*. He has also appeared on Broadway in such productions as *Entertaining Mr. Sloane* and *An Inspector Calls*.



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