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The unabridged *Bourgeois Gentleman*, splendidly illustrated by Nathalie Novi, to commemorate the quadricentennial of Molière's birth!

Premiering in 1670 at the court of Louis XIV, Molière's classic tells the tale of a vain, capricious bourgeois gentleman, Monsieur Jourdain, who dreams of becoming a nobleman and learning the fine manners of "people of quality." So blinded is he by his naïveté and self-importance that he fails to see that all those in his orbit are toying with him, tricking him, and stealing his fortune.

Includes an appendix detailing the role of music and composer Jean-Baptiste Lully's contribution as well as how direction, design, and costumes for the play have changed over time.