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About the Author

Among Louis de Bernières' bestselling novels are **Captain Corelli's Mandolin**, **The Troublesome Offspring of Cardinal Guzman**, **Señor Vivo and the Coca Lord** and **The War of Don Emmanuel's Nether Parts**. He lives in London.

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During WWII the little Greek isle of Cephallonia is occupied by a division of Italian soldiers. A young Greek woman, Pelagia (can you hear that name?), betrothed already to a local fisherman, surprises herself by falling in love with the musical, misplaced and Italian Captain Corelli. But this central love is only one of many different kinds that shine out from the blackness of war. Carlo's accounts of his sadly repressed homosexual loves, for example, once understood in their platonic purity, break one's heart. Actor Michael Maloney's interpretation of this beautifully structured and deeply moving historical romance is replete with the music of life and language. He plays up the comedy, suffers with the tragedy and delights in the romance. Reflecting many different viewpoints, his vocalizations of Greek and Italian characters (including an entertainingly

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