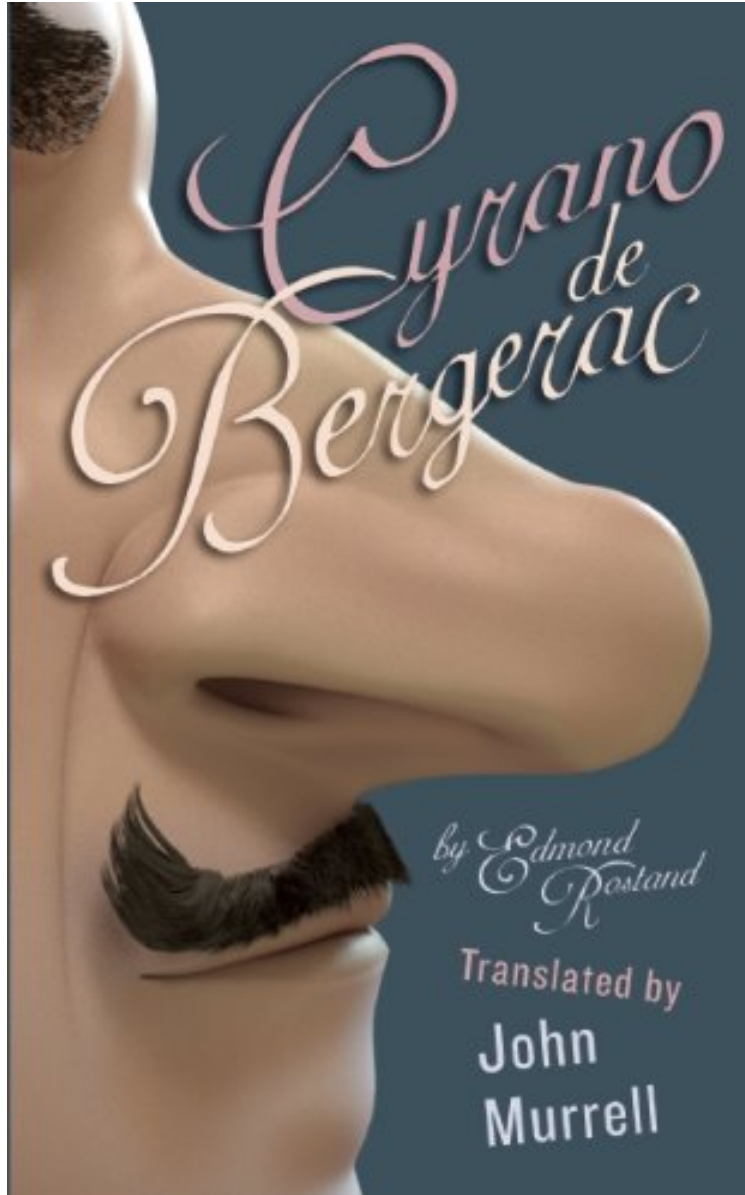


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**Edmond Rostand : Cyrano de Bergerac: A Prose Translation** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cyrano de Bergerac: A Prose Translation:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great way to introduce the classis to young readersBy Adam S. BeaverI bought this to read with my 3rd grade daughter, and we loved it! She's an advanced reader, and this book still gave her a healthy challenge; it would not have been a good choice for her as an independent reading book. The

illustrations are highly stylized, which I find an asset (others may find them distracting as they're unrefined and a bit harsh). The adaptation finds a great middle ground in combining traditional-to-Old English prose with a more contemporary vernacular, offering readers (young and old) an accessible exposure to the foundations of our descriptive, English language styles. My daughter loved the story, as did I. As a follow-up, we rented Steve Martin's "Roxanne." This book has turned us on to the publisher's other offerings, too: "Pride and Prejudice," "Tom Sawyer," Edgar Allen Poe stories, and others. As a teacher, there is great value in introducing these old stories, as they're often models used by modern story tellers, giving young readers larger reading strategy tools to promote greater comprehension. Oh, and they're fun to read :) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Useful for having alongside edition if learning French/English with this text...By A. Boileau Useful. Just got a house in Bergerac have to learn French should know this story (as this play helped to make the town famous!). This edition is useful while going through the French edition/dialogue, as it has a good selection of words fantastic to see how to say something in English various ways in French have the play dialogue translated with various selections of nuance which is clearly shown with the Thesaurus entries...will make going through the rather odd play a lot more of a practical exercise... and more memorable (I type hopefully). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The original, unbeatable text By Patrick Perdu Of course you will need to read French but if you master the language you should definitely give it a shot. This is my favorite play ever; one of my top ten books and the only play in there. Forget the movies (except maybe the French one with Depardieu), and no it does not end very well, but Edmond Rostand takes you for a ride through love and war and wit and charm and fun and, yes, cooking, all in some of the most brilliant yet funny example of mastery of the alexandrine. I laugh out to tears each time I read it.

This beloved classic has fascinated and enchanted generations. Not since 1938 has there been a more readable or stageable prose translation. Its fast-paced plot and rich tapestry of gallant soldiers, starving poets, musketeers, marquises, and bluestockings delight, but at its heart is Cyrano: masterful soldier, accomplished poet, ferocious orator, chivalrous lover; and the possessor of an extraordinary nasal appendage!

From Library Journal Grade 7 Up-In this adaptation of Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac*, the St. Charles Players, utilizing background music and clear voices, successfully bring Cyrano's story to listeners. The moods of the characters are clearly portrayed through the variation of the actors' voices. Students will easily follow the tale about a man in love with an extraordinarily beautiful woman, Roxanne. Because of his appearance, Cyrano refuses to tell Roxanne of his love and, instead, helps Christian profess his feelings for her. Even after Christian dies in battle, Cyrano can't proclaim his love for Roxanne. The actors' voices are clear, the aural quality is excellent, and background sounds and music carry along the action. Students will enjoy listening to this classic story of love and loss. Shelley Chick-Gravel, Abbot Public Library, Marblehead, MA Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. "[Cyrano de Bergerac is a ] brilliant hellip; unforgettable hellip; impressive achievement hellip;" Edmonton Journal