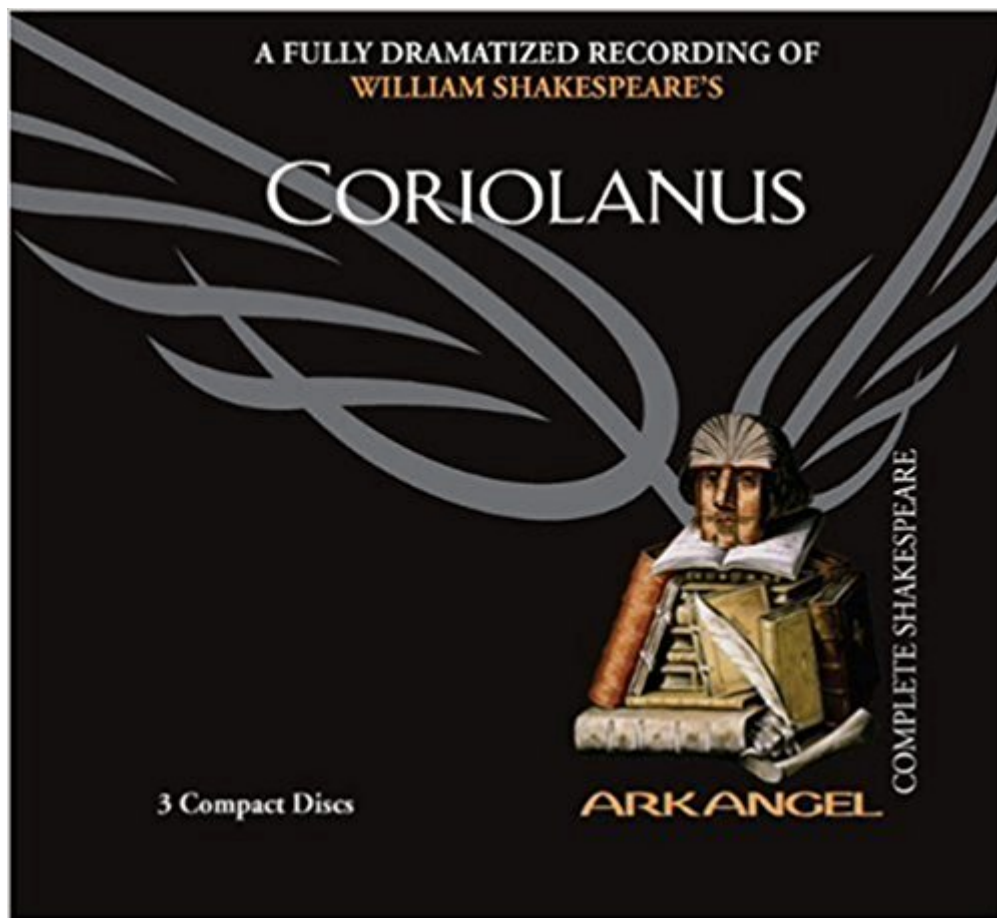




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I love Coriolanus. He's the bad boy of military generals, because he refuses to be anything other than what he is. You won't find a Roman General MacArthur with prettified poetic/political ambitions here--what you get is Coriolanus the warrior--the lion you want leading you into battle. Oh, and it's a

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