Synopsis

Fast-talking, trouble-seeking private eye Philip Marlowe is a different kind of detective: a moral man in an amoral world. California in the 1940s and 1950s is as beautiful as a ripe fruit and rotten to the core, and Marlowe must struggle to retain his integrity amidst the corruption he encounters daily. The Big Sleep finds the world-weary, wisecracking investigator consulted by a wealthy family man with two big problems: his children. Carmen Sternwood has got herself mixed up with a blackmailer, while Vivian has managed to mislay her husband, ex-bootlegger Rusty Regan. Old, ailing General Sternwood hires Marlowe to take care of things but it's not too long before the bodies start piling up, and Marlowe finds himself knee-deep in trouble. . . Starring Toby Stephens, this landmark dramatization retains all the suspense and excitement of Chandler's complex and compelling novel.2 CDs. 1 hr 26 mins.

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