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Mark Evans : Bleak Expectations: The Complete First Series (Bleak Expectations Complete Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bleak Expectations: The Complete First Series (Bleak Expectations Complete Series):

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful radio comedy By Karl I'm amazed that I'm the first person here reviewing this unusually funny program. BLEAK EXPECTATIONS is currently in the midst of its fourth series but the first one is still probably the best of the lot. If you like silly fun for fun's sake, don't miss this one; it has to be one of the most polished comedies the BBC's put out for ages. The scriptwriter keeps up an impressive level of sharp gags and outlandish situations of the sort that at their best recall the sainted GOON SHOW. And he rarely if ever stoops to off-color material, making it potentially good family fare. (It's only a bit marred by some Christophobic swipes around episodes three and four... but this IS BBC comedy, after all.) I don't think you'll be disappointed. And, incidentally, little to no knowledge of Dickens is required.

Join Anthony Head, Celia Imrie, Richard Johnson and Geoffrey Whitehead in this gloriously daft Victorian romp in the style of Charles Dickens after too much gin, first performed on the British Broadcasting Clubs Radio 4. Gasp at the evil Mr Gently Benevolent, played by Mr Anthony Head! Weep at the trials of our young hero Pip Bin, played by Master Tom Allen! Be moved to joy and sorrow by the remarkable narration of Mr Richard Johnson! Swoon at the

fragile beauty of Pips poor Mama, played by Miss Celia Imrie! Wonder at the thespian prowess of Mr Geoffrey Whitehead as six different siblings! Follow the remarkable adventures of young Pip Bin as he struggles to rescue himself and his sisters from the schemes of his evil and badly-named guardian Mr Gently Benevolent, and the blood-curdling Hardthrasher family. Immerse yourself in a timeless epic featuring terrifying schools, even worse prisons, disguises, court-cases, shipwrecks, underwater squirrels and swash-buckling long-lost aunts. Revel in the many fine quips, characters and scenarios in these six magnificent episodes written by Mr. Mark Evans and produced by Mr. Gareth Edwards, previously renowned for their craftsmanship on the works of Messrs. Mitchell and Webb. Televised as 'The Bleak Old Shop of Stuff' on the BBC. A joy! Times. We are amused Independent.3 CDs. 2 hrs 48 mins.

"Written in the style of Dickens after one too many gins." James Rampton, the Independent