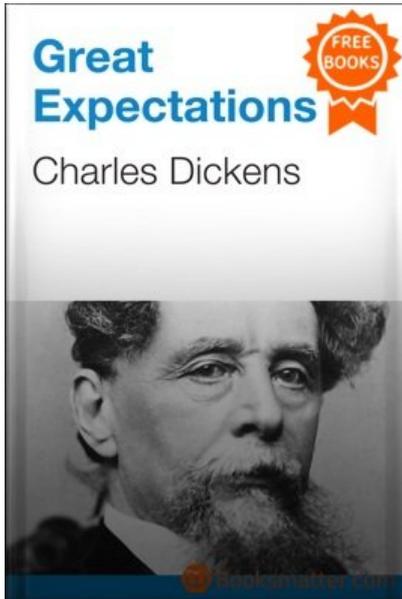


Great Expectations

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Summary

The novel centers around a poor young man by the name of Pip, who is given the chance to make himself a gentleman by a mysterious benefactor. Great Expectations offers a fascinating view of the differences between classes during the Victorian era, as well as a great sense of comedy and pathos.

Charles John Huffam Dickens was a writer and social critic who created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era. His works enjoyed unprecedented popularity during his lifetime, and by the twentieth century critics and scholars had recognised him as a literary genius. His novels and short stories enjoy lasting popularity.

Dickens left school to work in a factory when his father was incarcerated in a debtors' prison. Despite his lack of formal education, he edited a weekly journal for 20 years, wrote 15 novels, five novellas, hundreds of short stories and non-fiction articles, lectured and performed extensively, was an indefatigable letter writer, and campaigned vigorously for children's rights, education, and other social reforms.

Dickens was regarded as the literary colossus of his age. His 1843 novella, *A Christmas Carol*, remains popular and continues to inspire adaptations in every artistic genre. *Oliver Twist* and *Great Expectations* are also frequently adapted, and, like many of his novels, evoke images of early Victorian London. His 1859 novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, set in London and Paris, is his best-known work of historical fiction. Dickens's creative genius has been praised by fellow writers—from Leo Tolstoy to [George Orwell](#) and G. K. Chesterton—for its realism, comedy, prose style, unique characterisations, and social criticism. On the other hand, Oscar Wilde, Henry James, and Virginia Woolf complained of a lack of psychological depth, loose writing, and a vein of saccharine sentimentalism. The term *Dickensian* is used to describe something that is reminiscent of Dickens and his writings, such as poor social conditions or comically repulsive characters.

Charles Dickens



On 8 June 1870, Dickens suffered another stroke at his home after a full day's work on *Edwin Drood*. He never regained consciousness, and the next day he died at Gad's Hill Place. Contrary to his wish to be buried at Rochester Cathedral "in an inexpensive, unostentatious, and strictly private manner," he was laid to rest in the Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey. A printed epitaph circulated at the time of the funeral reads: "To the Memory of Charles Dickens (England's most popular author) who died at his residence, Higham, near Rochester, Kent, 9 June 1870, aged 58 years. He was a sympathiser with the poor, the suffering, and the oppressed; and by his death, one of England's greatest writers is lost to the world." His last words were: "On the ground", in response to his sister-in-law Georgina's request that he lie down.

(from Wikipedia)

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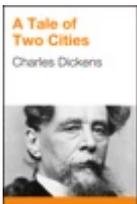
Others book from Charles Dickens

[A TALE OF TWO CITIES](#)



One of the most famous works of fiction ever written, *A Tale of Two Cities* presents a portrait of Paris and London in the years before and after the French Revolution. It follows a pair of protagonists, the French aristocrat Charles Darnay and the British barrister Sydney Carton, as their lives are dramatically altered by the wrath of the revolutionaries. *A Tale of Two Cities* addresses the fundamentally dual nature of humanity, and reflects on what it means to do the right thing...

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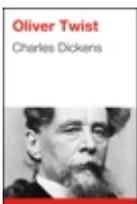
The novel depicts the plight of the French peasantry demoralised by the French aristocracy in the years leading up to the revolution, the corresponding brutality demonstrated by the revolutionaries toward the former aristocrats in the early years of the revolution, and many unflattering social parallels with life in London during the same time period. It follows the lives of several characters through these events...

[GREAT EXPECTATIONS](#)



Great Expectations is Charles Dickens's beloved, autobiographical tale of a poor boy haunted by a dark secret and harboring grand hopes for his future as a gentleman. Pip, the story's narrator, takes us through his early life—from his brush with an escaped convict on the marshes of southeast England to his exposure to genteel society through the warped old Miss Havisham and her icy protégé, the alluring young Estella. Apprenticed to the blacksmith, the tender-hearted Joe, Pip's...

[OLIVER TWIST](#)



The story is about an orphan, Oliver Twist, who endures a miserable existence in a workhouse and then is placed with an undertaker. He escapes and travels to London where he meets the Artful Dodger, leader of a gang of juvenile pickpockets...

[A CHRISTMAS CAROL](#)



This **Top Five Classics** edition of Dickens's immortal classic, *A Christmas Carol*, includes the original color illustrations by John Leech, as well as another 20 woodcut engravings by Sol Eytinge Jr. from the 1869 American edition by Ticknor & Fields. Beautifully designed and carefully proofed for digital publication. Includes a short introduction and bio.

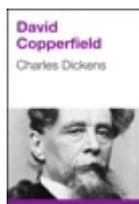
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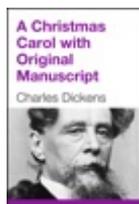
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The novel traces the life of David Copperfield from the time of his birth to his mature manhood, when he is married and familiar with the vicissitudes of life. His early years are enjoyable with his mother — who was widowed shortly before his birth — and with her servant, Peggotty. Life is happy for David until his mother decides to marry Mr. Murdstone; afterward, life becomes unbearable for David. He is soon sent to a miserable school where he becomes friendly with James Steerforth, a ...

[A CHRISTMAS CAROL \(WITH ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT\)](#)



Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserly businessman, learns the true meaning of Christmas after he is visited by the ghosts of Christmases past, present, and future...

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Charles Dickens' classic tells the coming-of-age story of Pip, the orphan who rose from miserable destitution to great wealth, with the help of a mysterious benefactor. For better or worse, Pip's life is defined through his relationships with Dickens' trademark complex supporting cast: Estella, a fellow orphan with whom Pip is infatuated; Miss Havisham, the manipulative and wealthy spinster; Joe Gargery, the closest thing to a parent Pip has ever known; a pair of escaped convicts; and many, many...

[A CHRISTMAS CAROL](#)



Celebrate the spirit of the season with this complimentary edition of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*—the perfect companion for a cozy night by the fire. Includes an exclusive excerpt from *Marley*, Jon Clinch's masterful reimagining of *A Christmas Carol*:

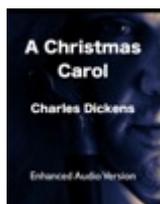
"In *Marley*, again Jon Clinch shows his genius, taking Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, and turning it inside out, revealing its contemporary wonder, making the characters and actions of ...

[OLIVER TWIST](#)



Orphaned and alone, young Oliver Twist travels to London to escape his life of poverty and abuse. Instead he falls in with a group of young pickpockets and con artists, led by the deceptively complex master thief Fagin. In his second novel, Charles Dickens creates a portrait of innocence that thrives in spite of misfortune, temptation, and societal ills. The supporting characters are equally fascinating, including the monstrous Bill Sykes, the cocky Artful Dodger, and the tragic Nancy...

[A CHRISTMAS CAROL](#)



This enhanced edition of Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*, includes an audio adaptation recorded especially for this book.

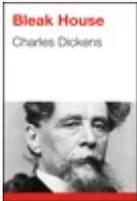
Recorded by a talented team of actors based in Devon, UK...

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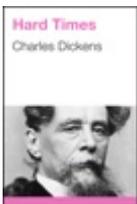
Considered one of Charles Dickens' greatest novels, *Bleak House* is at once a complex character study and a scathing indictment of the British legal system. Dickens employs a unique narrative structure, alternating between a near-omniscient third-person narrator to, in some chapters, the first-person perspective of one of his characters: Esther Summerson. Esther, along with the rest of *Bleak House's* extensive cast of characters, find their lives in constant flux due to ...

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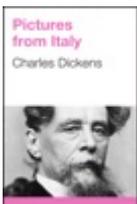
This book by Charles Dickens is a suspenseful tale about the injustices of the 19th-century English legal system...

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