

# EVERYTHING DICKENS

## Celebrate the Holidays with Charles Dickens

### Feature Novels

#### The Pickwick Papers

FIC DICKENS

*In Dickens first serial novel, the affable Mr. Samuel Pickwick begins his retirement eager for adventure with his three equally boisterous friends. Comedy and disappointment are met with as Pickwick and his allies eagerly tread out their pursuit of the “sporting” life.*

#### Oliver Twist

FIC DICKENS

*Young orphan Oliver is only 10 when he runs away from his oppressed circumstances to London only to unwittingly fall in with a gang of youthful pickpockets. Only the honest decency of city dwellers around him can prevail against the forces of inhumanity and lead Oliver to a better fate.*

#### The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby

FIC DICKENS

*Upon the death of their father, Nicholas Nickleby, his mother and sister Kate are penniless and must solicit aid from their Uncle Ralph in London. Ralph’s assistance proves dreadful as Nicholas and Kate must toil through unpleasant conditions aided by friends and beset by foes along the way.*

#### The Old Curiosity Shop

FIC DICKENS

*Little Nell is an orphan growing up with her grandfather and his assistant Kit in their London Shop of Curiosities. With gambling debts chasing them, “Nelly” helps her grandfather escape from the city into the country only to be chased further still. Meanwhile Kit forsakes the curiosity shop in order to track them down but is framed for thievery in the process.*

#### Barnaby Rudge

FIC DICKENS

*Dickens travels back in time to the eighteenth century to tell the tale of London’s horrendous Gordon Riots of 1780 as seen through the eyes of simple, but upright Barnaby Rudge.*

#### Martin Chuzzlewit

FIC DICKENS

*Greed and avarice are themes in this novel as we see the affluent Martin Chuzzlewit Sr. in the care of his grandson of the same name. Caged in by the fear of schemers and swindlers, the elder Martin deals harshly with those in his inner circle including his own grandson in order to secure the safety of his precious wealth.*

#### Dombey and Son

FIC DICKENS

*The London business firm of Dombey & Son is at the pinnacle of commercial enterprise as its owner and proprietor Paul Dombey ambitiously awaits the birth of his son and heir. The child born is indeed a son but the birth kills the mother and leaves the boy weak and physically ailing. The boy’s childhood death forces the self-centered Paul to rely on the people he’s previously neglected.*

## **David Copperfield**

FIC DICKENS

*Dickens most autobiographical work tells the saga of David Copperfield, a boy from troubled circumstances forced into a harsh life of early labor in down and out London. With the aid of the poor but gentle hearted Mr. Micawber, David eventually locates his Aunt Betsy. An education is secured for the young David who soon grows into a young man with a passion to be a writer. But life's lessons are only beginning for the aspiring author.*

## **Bleak House**

FIC DICKENS

*The lengthy legal dispute of "Jarndyce & Jarndyce" forms the framework for this story, one of Dickens' most complex and far-reaching works. Orphan Esther Summerson accompanies her two friends, Richard and Ada, as they both wait for the prospect of a settlement from the extensive trial. In the process, Esther begins to learn more about her mysterious birth and forebearers.*

## **Hard Times**

FIC DICKENS

*The manufacturing village of Coketown is the setting for this Dickens novel depicting the living standards of the working class and the oppression of commerce in England's industrial heartland. Hard Times displays the moral impropriety and economic decadence that the Victorian Age is notable for.*

## **A Tale of Two Cities**

FIC DICKENS

*The French Revolution sets the stage for this historical work of good and evil, pride and shame, and rebellion and redemption. The dramatic backdrop of the time and circumstances confront the various characters in both Paris and London.*

## **Great Expectations**

FIC DICKENS

*Widely renowned as Dickens' most popular novel, Great Expectations illustrates the coming of age in the Victorian Era amid its stringent class structure. Despite his working class conditions, 10 year-old Pip yearns to be a gentleman and court his beloved Estella. New hope arises when an anonymous benefactor orchestrates his move to London and subsequent education. Though he must leave Joe, his blacksmith friend and guardian, Pip eagerly welcomes the transition with ambition to manifest his dream into reality.*

## **Our Mutual Friend**

FIC DICKENS

*Mistaken identity leads to a reversal of fortune in this, Dickens final novel before his death in 1870. The son of a wealthy contractor, John Harmon is presumed drowned on a return trip home to attend his father's funeral and collect his inheritance. Instead, the money is transferred to his father's servant whom John must now work for.*

## **The Mystery of Edwin Drood**

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*Only halfway completed at the time of his death, this book allows the reader to speculate on the final outcome. Established within the initial plot is the character of John Jasper, a grotesque looking choirmaster in love with his pupil Rosa Bud, Edwin Drood's fiancé.*

## Christmas Themed Works

A Christmas Carol  
A Christmas Carol and Other Stories  
Christmas Stories  
Marley's Ghost

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## Audio Recordings

Oliver Twist  
David Copperfield  
A Christmas Carol  
Great Expectations  
A Tale of Two Cities

AD FIC DICKENS  
AC FIC DICKENS PARTS 1&2  
AC FIC DICKENS  
AD FIC DICKENS  
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## Dickens on Film and Stage

Hard Times  
A Christmas Carol  
The Pickwick Papers  
David Copperfield  
Bleak House  
Oliver Twist  
Dombey & Son  
Scrooge  
Great Expectations  
Nicholas Nickleby

DVD HARD  
DVD CHRISTMA  
DVD PICKWICK  
DVD DAVID  
DVD BLEAK  
DVD OLIVER  
DVD DOMBEY  
DVD SCROOGE  
DVD GREAT  
DVD LIFE

## Children's Works

A Child's Story  
A Christmas Carol  
The Life of Our Lord  
The Magic Fish-Bone  
Child's History of England

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