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David Copperfield Simon and Schuster

No library's complete without the classics! This new edition collects the greatest works of Charles Dickens, one of the most popular novelists of all time. Oliver Twist. Pip. The ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future. The characters of Charles Dickens live on in our imaginations long after we've read his renowned works of social commentary and vivid storytelling. And though these novels were written more than one hundred years ago, no home library today would be complete without them. This Canterbury Classics edition of Charles Dickens collects some of his most famous and beloved works--The Adventures of Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol, A Tale of Two Cities, and Great Expectations--into a single volume. For those who've never read Dickens, it's the perfect opportunity to experience his unique and compelling writing. And for those who are already Dickens devotees, an introduction by a renowned scholar will provide additional context and food for thought.

Charles Dickens Books UNC Press Books

Oliver Twist; or, the Parish Boy's Progress is Charles Dickens's second novel, and was first published as a serial from 1837 to 1839. The story centres on orphan Oliver Twist, born in a workhouse and sold into apprenticeship with an undertaker. After escaping, Oliver travels to London, where he

meets the "Artful Dodger", a member of a gang of juvenile pickpockets led by the elderly criminal Fagin. Oliver Twist is notable for its unromantic portrayal of criminals and their sordid lives, as well as for exposing the cruel treatment of the many orphans in London in the mid-19th century. In this early example of the social novel, Dickens satirises the hypocrisies of his time, including child labour, the recruitment of children as criminals, and the presence of street children.

A Tale of Two Cities Bantam Classics

Introduction by John Irving • Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read Pip, a poor orphan being raised by a cruel sister, does not have much in the way of great expectations—until he is inexplicably elevated to wealth by an anonymous benefactor. Full of unforgettable characters—including a terrifying convict named Magwitch, the eccentric Miss Havisham, and her beautiful but manipulative niece, Estella, Great Expectations is a tale of intrigue, unattainable love, and all of the happiness money can't buy. "Great Expectations has the most wonderful and most perfectly worked-out plot for a novel in the English language," according to John Irving, and J. Hillis Miller declares, "Great Expectations is the most unified and concentrated expression of Dickens's abiding sense of the world, and Pip might be called the archetypal Dickens hero."

[Charles Dickens](#) Rupa Publications India Pvt Limited

Bleak House is a novel by Charles Dickens, published in 20 monthly instalments between March 1852 and September 1853. The title, 'Bleak House'

isn't exactly an invitation for a reader to pick it up, and not a famous one either in terms of other Charles Dickens novels, especially *A Tale of Two Cities*, and *Great Expectations*. Even though it is not as famous as Dickens other novels yet it is one of the vast book and includes engaging variety of minor characters and sub-plots. The novel starts by a description of a murky November day in London. Thought out the novel Dickens' descriptions of fog over the London in various words and styles is extraordinary. This novel share the brilliance of Dickens' manner of writing, wit, plots and sub plots and yet it is different from his all other novels. The first base of *Bleak House* being different is that it is not Dickens' regular morality tale. *Bleak House* has been called the first detective novel in English, and there is a mystery to be solved, avaricious lawyers, a blackmail attempt, a thoroughly nasty old man who spontaneously combust whether because of his drinking or his wickedness is never entirely clear. The book is driven forward by two figures alternatively, one an unknown, unnamed narrator and Esther Summerson who is one of the major characters of the book. Capable and affectionate Esther Summerson knows nothing of her lineage since having been brought up by her godmother. Her life is one of misery and solitude until she is placed under the care of her guardian, Mr. Jarndyce, an eccentric, warm-hearted bachelor. Mr. Jarndyce's two other wards, cousins Richard and Ada, adore Esther as well, and she finds herself completely happy and loved for the first time in her life. But the Jarndyce family has a curse hanging over them in the form of a court case, the famous Jarndyce and Jarndyce which has been dragging out for years. Fortunes have been spent, men have taken their own lives, and it has become the laughingstock of the courts. No one remembers what it is about, and Mr. Jarndyce would prefer to forget the whole thing. Then slowly, darkness enters Esther's own life in many forms. She learns of her shameful heritage and her tortured mother. Illness robs her of her beauty, and she is brought face-to-face with the poverty and tragedy of the poorer classes. Through it all, her bright, kind personality shines, as she casts sunshine on those around her, always thinking of others before herself. And she finds that even in the darkness, hope can prevail. The character of Esther Summerson which I think is the only relative sophisticated Dickens type of character in the whole book. Thought after reading it, I found Esther more of a Jane Austen type of character. She is portrayed in that way. The reader on reading the book will eventually realise that the rest of the characters are very uncommon species of Dickens' work if compared to his other books. Especially the character of Lady Dedlock. Lady Dedlock is married to Sir Leicester Dedlock. She is a confused, tortured woman, one who is hard to love but very easy to pity. The self-centered actions of her youth bring trouble on everyone around her, cause her constant fear, and threaten to destroy her marriage. Even when her softer side is manifest, the way it is shown is selfish and thoughtless. With constant engagement of cameo characters or minor characters and sub-plots Charles Dickens try to keep things interesting for the reader but the book does become a plain story somewhere in between. The last three hundred pages are so interesting that I never wanted to take my eyes off the text. I also find the character of Mr. Skimpole worthless and I personally think there is no need of him because of his childish manner and then there arises a question about his integrity.

[Masters of the English Novel: A Study of Principles and Personalities](#) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

David Copperfield is a classic novel written by Charles Dickens and first published in 1850. It tells the story of a young boy named David who endures a difficult childhood, facing numerous hardships and setbacks along the way. The book is a coming-of-age story that follows David as he grows up, faces adversity and ultimately finds his way in the world. Throughout the novel, Dickens addresses themes such as social class, love, loss and the importance of perseverance. The book's characters are vividly drawn, from the kind-hearted Mr Micawber to the cruel and manipulative Uriah Heep. David's relationships with these characters are central to the story, as they shape his development and help him to overcome his challenges. One of the most notable aspects of *David Copperfield* is its autobiographical nature. Dickens drew heavily on his own experiences and those of his family in crafting the story. As a result, the novel has a personal and emotional resonance that has helped to make it a beloved classic. *David Copperfield* has been adapted for film, television and stage numerous times over the years. It remains one of Dickens's most enduring works and continues to captivate readers with its richly drawn characters, intricate plot, and timeless themes.

[The English Novel](#) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Written by one of the world's leading literary theorists, this book provides a wide-ranging, accessible and humorous introduction to the English novel from Daniel Defoe to the present day. Covers the works of major authors, including Daniel Defoe, Henry Fielding, Samuel Richardson, Laurence Sterne, Walter Scott, Jane Austen, the Brontës, Charles Dickens, George Eliot, Thomas Hardy, Henry James, Joseph Conrad, Virginia Woolf, D.H. Lawrence and James Joyce. Distills the essentials of the theory of the novel. Follows the model of Eagleton's hugely popular *Literary Theory: An Introduction* (Second Edition, 1996).

The English Novel John Wiley & Sons

A Tale of Two Cities is a novel by Charles Dickens, set in London and Paris before and during the French Revolution. The novel depicts the plight of the French peasantry demoralized 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 period. It follows the lives of several characters through these events. *A Tale of Two Cities*, by Charles Dickens, deals with the major themes of duality, revolution, and resurrection. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times in London and Paris, as economic and political unrest lead to the American and French Revolutions. The main characters in Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* - Doctor Alexandre Manette, Charles Darnay, and Sydney Carton - are all recalled to life, or resurrected, in different ways as turmoil erupts. *A Tale of Two Cities* is one of only two works of historical fiction by Charles Dickens. It has fewer characters and sub-plots than a typical Dickens novel. Dickens relies much on *The French Revolution: A History* by Thomas Carlyle as a historical source. Dickens wrote in his Preface to *Tale* that "no one can hope to add anything to the philosophy of Mr. Carlyle's wonderful book". *A Tale of Two Cities* was published in weekly installments from April 1859 to November 1859 in Dickens's new literary periodical titled *All the Year Round*. All but three of Dickens's previous novels had appeared only as monthly installments. With sales of about 200 million copies, *A Tale of Two Cities* is the biggest selling novel in history. The 45-chapter novel was published in 31 weekly instalments in Dickens's new literary periodical titled *All the Year Round*. From April 1859 to November 1859, Dickens also republished the chapters as eight monthly sections in green covers. All but three of Dickens's previous novels had appeared only as monthly instalments. The first weekly instalment of *A Tale of Two Cities* ran in the first issue of *All the Year Round* on 30 April 1859. The last ran thirty weeks later, on 26 November. The three most important aspects of *A Tale of Two Cities*: *A Tale of Two Cities* is told from the omniscient, or all-knowing, point of view. The narrator, or storyteller, who is never identified, has

access to the thoughts and feelings of all the characters. *A Tale of Two Cities*, which is one of two historical novels written by Charles Dickens, is set in London and in Paris and the French countryside at the time of the French Revolution. The book is sympathetic to the overthrow of the French aristocracy but highly critical of the reign of terror that followed. Dickens characterizes the men and women who populate *A Tale of Two Cities* less by what the book's narrator or the characters themselves say, and more by what they do. As a result, the novel seems somewhat modern, despite being set in the 18th century and written in the 19th century.

History of the English Novel Candlewick Press

Stories of comedy and character from one of Britain's greatest novelists This witty and amusing collection of short pieces shows Dickens liberated from the more formal and sustained demands of the novel and experimenting with a diverse range of fictional techniques. In his tales of the supernatural, he creates frighteningly believable, spine-tingling stories of prophetic dreams and visions, as well as more fantastical adventures with goblins and apparitions. Impressionistic sketches combine imaginatively heightened travel journals with wry observations of home and abroad, while in his dramatic monologues, Dickens demonstrates his talent for exploring the secret workings of the human mind. These short works display Dickens's exuberant sense of comedy and character as his imagination is given free rein. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

[What-the-Dickens](#) Independently Published

Daniel Born explores the concept of liberal guilt as it first developed in British political and literary culture between the late Romantic period and World War I. Disturbed by the twin spectacle of urban poverty at home and imperialism abroad, major nove

[Selected Short Fiction](#) Routledge

Hard Times is unusual in several respects. It is by far the shortest of Dickens' novels, barely a quarter of the length of those written immediately before and after it. Also, unlike all but one of his other novels, *Hard Times* has neither a preface nor illustrations. Moreover, it is his only novel not to have scenes set in London. Instead the story is set in the fictitious Victorian industrial Coketown, a generic Northern English mill-town, in some ways similar to Manchester, though smaller. Coketown may be partially based on 19th-century Preston. One of Dickens's reasons for writing *Hard Times* was that sales of his weekly periodical, *Household Words*, were low, and it was hoped the novel's publication in instalments would boost circulation - as indeed proved to be the case. Since publication it has received a mixed response from critics. Critics such as George Bernard Shaw and Thomas Macaulay have mainly focused on Dickens's treatment of trade unions and his post-Industrial Revolution pessimism regarding the divide between capitalist mill owners and undervalued workers during the Victorian era. F. R. Leavis, a great admirer of the book, included it - but not Dickens' work as a whole - as part of his *Great Tradition of English novels*.

[Oliver Twist - Charles Dickens](#) Penguin

The Chimes *A Goblin Story of Some Bells that Rang an Old Year Out and a New Year In*, a short novel by Charles Dickens, was written and published in 1844, one year after *A Christmas Carol*. It is the second in his series of Christmas books five short books with strong social and moral messages that he published during the 1840's.

The English novel from Dickens to Lawrence Word to the Wise

Rare edition with unique illustrations. *Bleak House* continued Dickens' successful string of fiction, following *David Copperfield* and preceding *Hard Times*, and went through several printings. Beyond the popular success of its own day, *Bleak House* has developed a reputation as one of Dickens' most impressive achievements as a novelist. Many fellow writers, such as G.K. Chesterton and, much later, Vladimir Nabokov, consider the book to be Dickens' best, the one in which the classic traits and concerns of a Dickens novel -- likable characters, gripping storylines, social activism, humor, panache, grotesquerie and theatricality -- come together with the greatest force. Among its many qualities, *Bleak House* survives perhaps most vividly as an impassioned denunciation of hypocrisy, neglect, and selfishness, both institutional and personal. Money often changes people's lives. If you inherited a substantial amount of money would it change yours? Would you work or quit your job? Would you feel entitled to various privileges because of your wealth? Would you behave differently? These and other issues are the subject of the English novel *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens. *Bleak House*, like many of Dickens' writings, is about various social issues. *Bleak House* is a satirical story about Dickens' view of the British judiciary system. Both Esther Summerson, one of the characters in the story, and a separate third person narrator, tell the story. Esther speaks about the experiences of her life, and the third person narrator speaks about the experiences of some of the people of the town.

[Aging, Duration, and the English Novel](#) Random House

"Gregory Maguire does for the dark and stormy night what he did for witches in *Wicked*." — The New York Times Book Review A terrible storm is raging, and Dinah is huddled by candlelight with her brother, sister, and cousin Gage, who is telling a very unusual tale. It's the story of *What-the-Dickens*, a newly hatched orphan creature who finds he has an attraction to teeth, a crush on a cat named McCavity, and a penchant for getting into trouble. One day he happens upon a feisty girl skibberee working as an Agent of Change — trading coins for teeth — and learns of a dutiful tribe of tooth fairies to which he hopes to belong. As his tale unfolds, however, both *What-the-Dickens* and *Dinah* come to see that the world is both richer and far less sure than they ever imagined.

A Christmas Carol Newton Abbot [Eng.] : David & Charles ; [New York] : Barnes & Noble

Originally published in 1985, this book traces the development of an ideal of work in English writing which runs parallel to that of the Protestant work ethic. The author has called this the myth of vocation: work is seen as the primary source of self-definition, psychic integration and fulfilment. The root, and the purest form, of the idea is to be found in *Robinson Crusoe*. This work, so seminal in many ways, presents a prototypical middle-class hero, caught in a conflict between the impulse to adventure and that to create and make profits. The conflicts articulated in this work are picked up more or less explicitly by more than one of the great Victorian novelists. This book treats in detail several paradigmatic examples, deriving its terms of reference from modern sociological treatments of work and its effects on persons. The gospel of work need not result in capitalistic or protestant

attitudes, but is compatible also with communistic ideas. This study serves to revalue the concept of work as a humanistic activity as well as offering a subtle reading of major works of literature.

The History of the English Novel... Cambridge University Press

Since *Speech in the English Novel* first appeared in 1973, it has won international recognition as an important pioneering study of a topic that lies on the frontiers of literature and linguistics - the nature and function of fictional dialogue and its relationship to real speech. Drawing on a wide range of examples from many periods, the book includes general and theoretical chapters and also case-studies of particular texts, as well as a whole chapter devoted to Dickens. It has been found stimulating and useful by teachers and students in many countries, and has been praised by numerous scholars. The Year's Work in English Studies described it as a 'classic'; *Studia Neophilologica* said that it 'opened up new vistas for research'; *Language and Style* found that it 'admirably bridges the gap between linguistics and English studies', and *English Studies* judged it 'a thoroughly readable and even entertaining book'. This new edition incorporates numerous revisions, new examples, and additions to the bibliographies.

The Development of the English Novel Good Press

'Masters of the English Novel' by Richard Burton is a fascinating study of the evolution of the novel. The book examines the works of various writers, including Jane Austen, Dickens, George Eliot, and Thackeray, and explores the two main ways of looking at life in fiction - the realistic and romantic movements. Burton takes the reader on a journey through the eighteenth-century beginnings of the novel, the development of realism, and the impact of French influence on modern novel-making. With insightful analysis and engaging prose, this book is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of English literature.

Speech in the English Novel Harvard University Press

This provocative biography tells the story of how an ambitious young Londoner became England's greatest novelist. Focused on the 1830s, it portrays a restless, uncertain Dickens who could not decide on a career path. Through twists and turns, the author traces a double transformation: in reinventing himself Dickens reinvented the form of the novel.

Great Expectations Springer

"Have a heart that never hardens and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts." *Hard Times* is Charles Dickens's tenth novel that has been considered much seriously by literary critics and historians. It concentrates on the portrayal of the English society of the nineteenth century as well as on its different cultural and economic aspects. The story, which is set in a fictional Victorian town, is divided into three parts which are respectively entitled "Sowing," "Reaping," and "Garnering." The central character of the first part is Mr. Thomas Gradgrind, a wealthy man, a school headmaster and a father to 5 children. Generally, Mr. Gradgrind is a man of reason and thought, but also of strict rules and codes of behavior. The

narrative gives minute details of his daily activities and habits as well as of the way he brings up his children, teaching them principles of rationalism and self-interest. The story then follows the existence of his children and family in the remaining parts of the novel. Dickens mainly deals with the much-debated social issues of the time such as the importance of professional careers, love and marriage. By the end of the narrative, Mr. Gradgrind eventually seems to become less categorical as to his strict principles of rationalism and utilitarianism.

The History of the English Novel ...: The Age of Dickens and Thackeray DigiCat

Argues that novelists graft aging onto narrative duration and reveals the politics of senescence in nineteenth and early-twentieth century plots.

CHARLES DICKENS Ultimate Collection Columbia University Press

- Charles DICKENS, writer and English journalist, born in 1812 and died in 1870. In 1833, he became a journalist first and published a first news. In a few years, he stands out in the middle by his talent. He writes articles for the biggest dailies of the time. He also develops his sense of observation: he imitates the accents, retains the mimicry. These observations will make the salt of his novels. Dickens is enjoying immense popularity. He is only 24, but his work touches all generations and all backgrounds. He becomes a true idol in his lifetime, in Europe and America. In 1842, Charles Dickens began a trip to the United States. He is then a personality: in every city he visits, he gives conferences that are full and fill his life. He stands out for his highly sought-after dresses. Rich and famous, it is again on his shoulders that the fate of his family rests: he sponges the new debts of his father, and provides for the needs of his brothers and sisters. In 1865, the train in which he travels derails. Charles Dickens never fully recovered from his wounds. He distributed scholarships, and even founded a home for prostitutes. The author, who has never forgotten the hard years of his childhood, was an indefatigable defender of the victims of the industrial revolution. Better known for his work than for his social and philanthropic activism, the English author was also a hero in his own way. - A CHRISTMAS CAROL is a tale published in 1843 by the British writer Charles Dickens. Ebenezer Scrooge is an old man embittered, pessimistic and stingy. He does not feel concerned about Christmas. For him, all this is a foolishness and he has nothing to do in his opinion. On New Year's Eve, Scrooge returns home, and he is in front of Marley's ghost. A former associate who has been dead for seven years. This ghost announces future visits. The next day, the Spirit of his last Christmas comes and takes him to revisit memories of his past. Two days later, the Christmas Spirit arrives and shares with him the eve of his underpaid clerk. The next day is the turn of the Spirit of the future. It provides him with a sad end of life. After all this, Scrooge realizes that he has missed out on the essential and that if he wants to get rich at any cost, he risks ending his life alone and no one else by his side. The three ghosts are revealed to Scrooge in order to make him aware. They are content to show him some selected pieces, past, present and future, and thus make sure that reflection and repentance come from him and without outside intervention. After a long thought, Scrooge finds herself on the verge of tears. Nevertheless, one may wonder if the old man would have come to such a path without the intervention of the three specters.

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