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If you have interest in Charles Dickens and his journey as an artist, "Book of Memoranda" will delight you. Here, you glimpse the birthing process for some of Dickens' plots, characters, names, situations, and use of recurring themes such as parental neglect, father/daughter relations; social class differences, and the effects of wealth and.

His father was a clerk in the Navy Pay Office and was temporarily stationed in the district. His early life seems to have been idyllic, though he thought himself a "very small and not-over-particularly-taken-care-of boy". His wife and youngest children joined him there, as was the practice at the time. Pipchin" in Dombey and Son. Later, he lived in a back-attic in the house of an agent for the Insolvent Court , Archibald Russell, "a fat, good-natured, kind old gentleman The strenuous and often harsh working conditions made a lasting impression on Dickens and later influenced his fiction and essays, becoming the foundation of his interest in the reform of socio-economic and labour conditions, the rigours of which he believed were unfairly borne by the poor. He later wrote that he wondered "how I could have been so easily cast away at such an age". The blacking-warehouse was the last house on the left-hand side of the way, at old Hungerford Stairs. It was a crazy, tumble-down old house, abutting of course on the river, and literally overrun with rats. Its wainscoted rooms, and its rotten floors and staircase, and the old grey rats swarming down in the cellars, and the sound of their squeaking and scuffling coming up the stairs at all times, and the dirt and decay of the place, rise up visibly before me, as if I were there again. The counting-house was on the first floor, looking over the coal-barges and the river. There was a recess in it, in which I was to sit and work. When a certain number of grosses of pots had attained this pitch of perfection, I was to paste on each a printed label, and then go on again with more pots. Two or three other boys were kept at similar duty down-stairs on similar wages. One of them came up, in a ragged apron and a paper cap, on the first Monday morning, to show me the trick of using the string and tying the knot. On the expectation of this legacy, Dickens was released from prison. Under the Insolvent Debtors Act , Dickens arranged for payment of his creditors, and he and his family left Marshalsea, [28] for the home of Mrs Roylance. He did not consider it to be a good school: He was a gifted mimic and impersonated those around him: He went to theatres obsessivelyâ€”he claimed that for at least three years he went to the theatre every single day. His favourite actor was Charles Mathews , and Dickens learnt his monopolylogues, farces in which Mathews played every character , by heart. In , Dickens met his first love, Maria Beadnell, thought to have been the model for the character Dora in David Copperfield. Drawn to the theatreâ€”he became an early member of the Garrick [37] â€”he landed an acting audition at Covent Garden, where the manager George Bartley and the actor Charles Kemble were to see him. Dickens prepared meticulously and decided to imitate the comedian Charles Mathews, but ultimately he missed the audition because of a cold. Before another opportunity arose, he had set out on his career as a writer. His journalism, in the form of sketches in periodicals, formed his first collection of pieces, published in Sketches by Boz â€”Boz being a family nickname he employed as a pseudonym for some years. When pronounced by anyone with a head cold, "Moses" became "Boses"â€”later shortened to Boz. He began a friendship with William Harrison Ainsworth , the author of the highwayman novel Rookwood , whose bachelor salon in Harrow Road had become the meeting place for a set that included Daniel Maclise , Benjamin Disraeli , Edward Bulwer-Lytton , and George Cruikshank. All these became his friends and collaborators, with the exception of Disraeli, and he met his first publisher, John Macrone, at the house. Seymour committed suicide after the second instalment, and Dickens, who wanted to write a connected series of sketches, hired " Phiz " to provide the engravings which were reduced from four to two per instalment for the story. The resulting story became The Pickwick Papers , and though the first few episodes were not successful, the introduction of the Cockney character Sam Weller in the fourth episode the first to be illustrated by Phiz marked a sharp climb in its popularity. Dickens became very attached to Mary, and she died in his arms after a brief illness in Unusually for Dickens, as a consequence of his shock, he stopped working, and he and Kate stayed at a little farm on Hampstead Heath for a fortnight. Dickens idealised Maryâ€”the character he fashioned after her, Rose Maylie , he found he could not now kill, as he had planned, in his fiction, [52] and, according to Ackroyd, he drew on memories of her for

his later descriptions of Little Nell and Florence Dombey. The young Queen Victoria read both *Oliver Twist* and *Pickwick*, staying up until midnight to discuss them. He declared they were both to drown there in the "sad sea waves". She finally got free but afterwards kept her distance. In June he precipitously set out on a two-month tour of Scotland and then, in September, telegraphed Forster that he had decided to go to America. Dickens was perturbed by the return to power of the Tories, whom Dickens described as "people whom, politically, I despise and abhor. At this time Georgina Hogarth, another sister of Catherine, joined the Dickens household, now living at Devonshire Terrace, Marylebone, to care for the young family they had left behind. Dickens includes in *Notes* a powerful condemnation of slavery, which he had attacked as early as *The Pickwick Papers*, correlating the emancipation of the poor in England with the abolition of slavery abroad [64] citing newspaper accounts of runaway slaves disfigured by their masters. While there, he expressed a desire to see an American prairie before returning east. A group of 13 men then set out with Dickens to visit Looking Glass Prairie, a trip 30 miles into Illinois. During his American visit, Dickens spent a month in New York City, giving lectures, raising the question of international copyright laws and the pirating of his work in America. Niagara Falls, Toronto, Kingston and Montreal where he appeared on stage in light comedies. Of these, *A Christmas Carol* was most popular and, tapping into an old tradition, did much to promote a renewed enthusiasm for the joys of Christmas in Britain and America. This, along with scenes he had recently witnessed at the Field Lane Ragged School, caused Dickens to resolve to "strike a sledge hammer blow" for the poor. As the idea for the story took shape and the writing began in earnest, Dickens became engrossed in the book. He later wrote that as the tale unfolded he "wept and laughed, and wept again" as he "walked about the black streets of London fifteen or twenty miles many a night when all sober folks had gone to bed. It had been carried out by Thomas Powell, a clerk, who was on friendly terms with Dickens and who had acted as mentor to Augustus when he started work. Powell was also an author and poet and knew many of the famous writers of the day. After further fraudulent activities, Powell fled to New York and published a book called *The Living Authors of England* with a chapter on Charles Dickens, who was not amused by what Powell had written. Dickens immediately sent a letter to Lewis Gaylord Clark, editor of the New York literary magazine *The Knickerbocker*, saying that Powell was a forger and thief. Clark published the letter in the *New-York Tribune*, and several other papers picked up on the story. Powell began proceedings to sue these publications, and Clark was arrested. Owing to the difficulties of providing evidence in America to support his accusations, Dickens eventually made a private settlement with Powell out of court. Coutts envisioned a home that would replace the punitive regimes of existing institutions with a reformatory environment conducive to education and proficiency in domestic household chores. After initially resisting, Dickens eventually founded the home, named "Urania Cottage", in the Lime Grove section of Shepherd's Bush, which he managed for ten years, [74] setting the house rules, reviewing the accounts and interviewing prospective residents. People have grown sullen and obstinate, and are becoming disgusted with the faith which condemns them to such a day as this, once in every seven. They display their feeling by staying away [from church]. Turn into the streets [on a Sunday] and mark the rigid gloom that reigns over everything around" [77] Dickens honoured the figure of Christ "though some claim he may have denied his divinity. Dickens is an enlightened Unitarian. It was published between and As a child, Dickens had walked past the house and dreamed of living in it. Dickens fell in love with one of the actresses, Ellen Ternan, and this passion was to last the rest of his life. In , he undertook a series of public readings in England and Scotland, with more the following year in England and Ireland. Dickens at his desk, Major works soon followed, including *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Great Expectations*, which were resounding successes. During this time he was also the publisher, editor, and a major contributor to the journals *Household Words* and *All the Year Round* Since Ellen Ternan also destroyed all of his letters to her, [] the extent of the affair between the two remains speculative. Storey published her account in *Dickens and Daughter*, [] [] but no contemporary evidence exists. On his death, Dickens settled an annuity on Ternan which made her a financially independent woman. The book was subsequently turned into a play, *Little Nell*, by Simon Gray, and a film. In the same period, Dickens furthered his interest in the paranormal, becoming one of the early members of *The Ghost Club*. The only first-class carriage to remain on the track was the one in which Dickens was travelling. Before rescuers arrived, Dickens

tended and comforted the wounded and the dying with a flask of brandy and a hat refreshed with water, and saved some lives. Before leaving, he remembered the unfinished manuscript for *Our Mutual Friend*, and he returned to his carriage to retrieve it. He also based the story on several previous rail accidents, such as the Clayton Tunnel rail crash of 1825. Dickens managed to avoid an appearance at the inquest to avoid disclosing that he had been travelling with Ternan and her mother, which would have caused a scandal. On 9 November, over two years after the war, Dickens set sail from Liverpool for his second American reading tour. In early December, the readings began. Although he had started to suffer from what he called the "true American catarrh", he kept to a schedule that would have challenged a much younger man, even managing to squeeze in some sleighing in Central Park. By the end of the tour Dickens could hardly manage solid food, subsisting on champagne and eggs beaten in sherry. On 23 April he boarded the Cunard liner *Russia* to return to Britain, [] barely escaping a Federal Tax Lien against the proceeds of his lecture tour. He managed, of a contracted readings, to deliver 75 in the provinces, with a further 12 in London. He suffered a stroke on 18 April in Chester. There were to be 12 performances, running between 11 January and 15 March, the last at 8: On 2 May, he made his last public appearance at a Royal Academy Banquet in the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, paying a special tribute on the death of his friend, the illustrator Daniel Maclise. It appeared in the Christmas edition of *The Graphic* and thousands of prints of it were sold. He never regained consciousness, and the next day, five years to the day after the Staplehurst rail crash, he died at Gads Hill Place. A printed epitaph circulated at the time of the funeral reads: According to Ackroyd, other than these, perhaps the most important literary influence on him was derived from the fables of *The Arabian Nights*. An early reviewer compared him to Hogarth for his keen practical sense of the ludicrous side of life, though his acclaimed mastery of varieties of class idiom may in fact mirror the conventions of contemporary popular theatre. Murdstone in *David Copperfield* conjures up twin allusions to "murder" and stony coldness. His satires of British aristocratic snobbery—he calls one character the "Noble Refrigerator"—are often popular. The author worked closely with his illustrators, supplying them with a summary of the work at the outset and thus ensuring that his characters and settings were exactly how he envisioned them. Marcus Stone, illustrator of *Our Mutual Friend*, recalled that the author was always "ready to describe down to the minutest details the personal characteristics, and

Chapter 2 : David Copperfield by Charles Dickens on Apple Books

Charles Dickens, perhaps the best British novelist of the Victorian era, was born in Portsmouth, Hampshire, England in His happy early childhood was interrupted when his father was sent to debtors' prison, and young Dickens had to go to work in a factory at age twelve.

It was in his lifetime supposed by some that his name was William, but my own father always consistently said, No, it was Willum. On which point I content myself with looking at the argument this way: If a man is not allowed to know his own name in a free country, how much is he allowed to know in a land of slavery? As to looking at the argument through the medium of the Register, Willum Marigold come into the world before Registers come up much,--and went out of it too. A doctor was fetched to my own mother by my own father, when it took place on a common; and in consequence of his being a very kind gentleman, and accepting no fee but a tea-tray, I was named Doctor, out of gratitude and compliment to him. There you have me. I am at present a middle-aged man of a broadish build, in cords, leggings, and a sleeved waistcoat the strings of which is always gone behind. Repair them how you will, they go like fiddle-strings. You have been to the theatre, and you have seen one of the wiolin- players screw up his wiolin, after listening to it as if it had been whispering the secret to him that it feared it was out of order, and then you have heard it snap. I am partial to a white hat, and I like a shawl round my neck wore loose and easy. Sitting down is my favourite posture. If I have a taste in point of personal jewelry, it is mother-of-pearl buttons. There you have me again, as large as life. It was a pretty tray. It represented a large lady going along a serpentining up-hill gravel-walk, to attend a little church. Two swans had likewise come astray with the same intentions. Come in, little M. How are your inclinations as to sixpence? Gradually my father went off his, and my mother went off hers. It was in a harmless way, but it put out the family where I boarded them. The old couple, though retired, got to be wholly and solely devoted to the Cheap Jack business, and were always selling the family off. At last the old gentleman, lying bedridden in the same room with the old lady, cries out in the old patter, fluent, after having been silent for two days and nights: Now, my hearts of oak and men of straw, what do you say for the lot? Two shillings, a shilling, tenpence, eightpence, sixpence, fourpence. I really am ashamed of him for his want of public spirit. What do you say for both? Now come; what do you say after that splendid offer? Say two pound, say thirty shillings, say a pound, say ten shillings, say five, say two and six. You say two and three? My father had been a lovely one in his time at the Cheap Jack work, as his dying observations went to prove. But I top him. I have worked at it. I mean to go down into my grave declaring that of all the callings ill used in Great Britain, the Cheap Jack calling is the worst used. I am on the footboard of my cart in the market-place, on a Saturday night. I put up a general miscellaneous lot. What do you say now? Do you say a pound? Do you say ten shillings? Not you, for you owe more to the tallyman. But on the Monday morning, in the same market-place, comes the Dear Jack on the hustings--his cart--and, what does he say? Will you take me as I stand? Will that content you? What do you say? Sold again, and got the seat! As to venturesomeness in the way of puffing up the lots, the Dear Jacks beat us hollow. It is considered in the Cheap Jack calling, that better patter can be made out of a gun than any article we put up from the cart, except a pair of spectacles. I often hold forth about a gun for a quarter of an hour, and feel as if I need never leave off. These are some of my arguments for declaring that the Cheap Jack calling is treated ill in Great Britain, and for turning warm when I think of the other Jacks in question setting themselves up to pretend to look down upon it. I courted my wife from the footboard of the cart. I had noticed her up at a window last Saturday that was, appreciating highly. At last I took out of my waistcoat-pocket a small lot wrapped in soft paper, and I put it this way looking up at the window where she was. Now what is it? Because, when my parents made over my property to me, I tell you true, there was twelve sheets, twelve towels, twelve table-cloths, twelve knives, twelve forks, twelve tablespoons, and twelve teaspoons, but my set of fingers was two short of a dozen, and could never since be matched. Now what else is it? When I called in the morning, she says, "O dear! Not that I ever did swop her away, for we lived together till she died, and that was thirteen year. Thirteen year of temper in a Palace would try the worst of you, but thirteen year of temper in a Cart would try the best of you. You are kept so very close

to it in a cart, you see. Violence in a cart is so violent, and aggrawation in a cart is so aggrawating. We might have had such a pleasant life! A roomy cart, with the large goods hung outside, and the bed slung underneath it when on the road, an iron pot and a kettle, a fireplace for the cold weather, a chimney for the smoke, a hanging-shelf and a cupboard, a dog and a horse. What more do you want? But have a temper in the cart, flinging language and the hardest goods in stock at you, and where are you then? Put a name to your feelings. My dog knew as well when she was on the turn as I did. Before she broke out, he would give a howl, and bolt. How he knew it, was a mystery to me; but the sure and certain knowledge of it would wake him up out of his soundest sleep, and he would give a howl, and bolt. At such times I wished I was him. The worst of it was, we had a daughter born to us, and I love children with all my heart. When she was in her furies she beat the child. For how could I prevent it? Such a thing is not to be tried with such a temper--in a cart--without coming to a fight. She grew to be quite devoted to her poor father, though he could do so little to help her. She had a wonderful quantity of shining dark hair, all curling natural about her. Such a brave child I said she was! And even if I do cry out, it will only be to get mother to let go and leave off. Yet in other respects her mother took great care of her. Such is the inconsistency in things. She would shiver and say, "No, no, no," when it was offered at, and would hide her face on my shoulder, and hold me tighter round the neck. The Cheap Jack business had been worse than ever I had known it, what with one thing and what with another and not least with railroads, which will cut it all to pieces, I expect, at last, and I was run dry of money. They all set up a laugh when they see us, and one chuckle-headed Joskin that I hated for it made the bidding, "Tuppence for her! But first of all, shall I tell you why I have got this little girl round my neck? She belongs to the Fairies. Now do you want a saw? But none of you shall have it at any price, on account of your well-known awkwardness, which would make it manslaughter. Now I am a going to ask her what you do want. And an umbrella to keep the moon off when you give your mind to it on a pitch-dark night. How little are you thinking of? With an income of forty thousand a year, you grudge three and sixpence. For three shillings, three shillings, three shillings! It will soon be over. The party so picked out, in general, does feel obliged to take the lot--good four times out of six. Then we had another lot, the counterpart of that one, and sold it sixpence cheaper, which is always very much enjoyed. Then we had the spectacles. I am not at all troubled. When her furies took her which was rather seldomer than before they took her in a new way, and she banged herself about to that extent that I was forced to hold her. O mother, mother, mother! Are you the gentleman, sir, that offered half a crown? But he got to be well on in years, and one night when I was convulsing York with the spectacles, he took a convulsion on his own account upon the very footboard by me, and it finished him.

Chapter 3 : 10 Charles Dickens Novels Everyone Should Read | Interesting Literature

List of Works by Charles Dickens. Wondering what books Dickens wrote? He was the author of 15 novels. (However, one of those is incomplete.) He also wrote short stories, essays, articles and novellas.

Posted by interestingliterature The best Charles Dickens books, and why you should read them When he died aged 58 in , Charles Dickens left behind fifteen novels, five Christmas books, several volumes of travel writing, and dozens of journalistic pieces and short stories. A Tale of Two Cities Reckoned to be one of the bestselling novels in English ever written, with an estimated million copies sold worldwide, this is, in many ways, an oddly uncharacteristic Dickens novel. Perhaps this is due to the historical events Dickens is depicting – the novel is set during the French Revolution. In this doorway of a novel, Dickens casts a satirical eye over bureaucracy: Little Dorrit Wordsworth Classics. Dombey and Son Readers are bound to find echoes of their grandparents in some of the other more senior characters, too, among them Miss Tox, whom the Major has his eye on. Our Mutual Friend The Pickwick Papers After a rocky start, it soon became a huge success, after Dickens created a valet for his title character, the crafty cockney Sam Weller, whose comic turns of phrase earned him a dedicated following. This novel is perhaps most famous for the early scenes involving the parish workhouse, in which the young Oliver – egged on by his fellow half-starved waifs – politely asks for more gruel. These scenes, though, occupy only the first third of the book, which then sees Oliver transported from his local parish to London. The tale of the young boy who becomes a gentleman thanks to a mysterious benefactor has been enchanting readers – and many, many film directors – since. Great Expectations Penguin Classics. A Christmas Carol The book was more or less single-handedly responsible for the tradition of the Christmas Eve ghost story, which remains with us to this day. This novel, written when Charles Dickens was at the height of his powers and following the Jarndyce v Jarndyce court case, is – for our money – the best of the lot. What would you put at the number 1 spot? Young Charles Dickens, c.

Initial Thoughts on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens is a novella that was first published in It is a book that you can read in under two hours, which is unlike many books written by Charles Dickens.

His father, John Dickens was a clerk in the navy pay office. It was not easy for him to make both ends meet so he incurred debts and after struggling with them for many years, he finally shifted to Chatham when Charles was nine years of age. It was in Chatham that he started his early schooling. He was a devout reader and preferred to gruel himself up in a corner with books rather than taking part in the mildest of physical activity. He lived in harmony for some years but soon the days of happiness came to an end. His father was arrested for non-payment of debts and sentenced for short term imprisonment. It was under the stress of such financial conditions that Charles had to leave the school at the age of twelve. He had to find a job in the blacking factory and it was really painful to see such a promising young man working from dawn to dusk for few pennies. He was, however, relieved from this suffering when he received a small legacy from one of his relatives. His father was also set free and Charles Dickens joined Wellington House Academy at the age of sixteen. It was a brutal place and its principal was famous as the most ignorant and tyrant person. He did not learn anything at this place but the experience he gained at the school proved a fruitful source in writing Nicholas Nickleby. This novel exposes the weakness of Yorkshire schools and ignorant teachers who were in charge of young students. He also began to study shorthand in order to achieve success in his career as a reporter. His progress was swift and he became a parliamentary reporter in It was largely during this period that he gained his extraordinary knowledge of London, which he used effectively in his sketches of London life. Charles Dickens began his career as a writer with Sketches by Boz in It was a series dealing with London life in the manner and style of Leigh Hunt. It was written at the suggestion of an editor, for serial publication. It contains some seventy distinct situations and more than four hundred characters, some of them coming on the stage only once to win for them an immortal place in our hearts. He left for the United States in and was warmly received by the people there. But soon their praise was damped when they learned that he had strongly criticized slavery system in the United States in his Martin Chuzzlewit and American Notes. But this controversy died out when he made his second visit to the US in It was after this period that he wrote David Copperfield and Great Expectations. These two novels were also made into movies and Television series. Great Expectation was first released in and David Copperfield in Charles Dickens is the representative of the Victorian London-the England of s and 30s. He presented the capital city in all its colors, its shops, offices, slums and people. He knew the spirit of his people and gave them exactly what they wanted. His novels were not written, they were born. They were created by him for his people. He is just like the Ancient Mariner of S. Further, his novels are also remarkable for preposterously rhetoric style and heavy moralizing. The middle class morality is always an important element of his novels. Sex is carefully dramatized as it was a taboo in Victorian age. It was the period of the readers who did not wish to go beyond their moral boundaries and Charles Dickens was perfectly aware of this. The plots of his novels lack unity and are coherent. They are marked with diffuseness and discursiveness. In other words, his novels are like satchel in which different objects of varying sizes and shapes have been stuffed. As a matter of fact, Charles Dickens was more interested in characters than in manners. His interest was in men and women rather than incidents. So characters are the main thing in his novels and plots are subordinate to characters. He perfectly agreed with the idea that a story should begin with characters and not with the plot. Once he had invented his characters and let them loose, he believed strongly that it was their business to tell the tale. This was the base of his novels and he developed into an art which he alone could master. Charles Dickens died in and over his unfinished Edwin Drood and was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey. The good, the gentle, high gifted, over friendly and noble Dickens-every inch of him an honest man. It was only achieved by Shelley and Coleridge before him. Jack Reacher is back! Family secrets come back to haunt Reacher when he decides to visit the town his father was born in. Because when he visits there he finds out no-one with the last name of Reacher has ever lived there. It leaves him wondering - did his

father ever live there? Recommendations Every 2 weeks we send out an e-mail with Book Recommendations. Insert your e-mail below to start getting these recommendations. If you see one missing just send me an e-mail below. Featured Author Our author of the month is Canadian author Opal Carew who writes erotic romance novels. Opal has written over novels with multiple book series such as the Dirty Talk series and the Abducted series. Did You Know? Only 6 books so far have sold more than million copies.

Chapter 5 : Charles Dickens Quotes About Books | A-Z Quotes

Considered the greatest novelist to come out of the Victorian era, Charles Dickens has gone down in history as being an essential part of the Western literary canon. His books are always witty, at times humorous and at times dark, and reveal societal truths. Dickens' work provides social.

Robert Gottlieb, former Knopf editor, New Yorker editor, and lifelong Dickens reader, gives us the 10 best books from the master. Charles Dickens left us fifteen novels, and in an ideal world everyone would read all of them. Well, maybe not – Barnaby Rudge is a tired and tiresome historical novel that the young Dickens kept putting off writing until contractual obligations forced him to finish it. His first published book was Sketches by Boz – a collection of short pieces that brought him considerable attention. By the time he was finished with his second book – The Pickwick Papers, serialized between March, and October, – he was, at twenty-five, the best-known writer in England, and such he remained until his death, at fifty-eight, in The energy, the fun, the power, the compassion of his work is unmatched in English literature, with the obvious. How do you rate works of genius? Partly by personal inclination, partly by accepted wisdom, partly by popularity. Great Expectations - With its thrilling story that is also a profound look at the moral education of a boy who has been persecuted and deceived but whose essential goodness of heart eventually rescues him from snobbery and delusion. Everything is in harmony in this almost perfect novel: Among its greatest admirers: Tolstoy, Kafka, and Virginia Woolf. Bleak House - With its vastly complicated plot and its immense cast of characters swirling around the case of Jarndyce vs. An assault on the legal system, a satire on foolish philanthropy, a gripping melodrama, and an interesting use of point of view told in both the third and first persons, it is a perpetual fascination. Its central characters not only prevail but mature, and its situations – even its comedy – resonate for its readers in countless affecting ways. Oliver Twist - With its larger-than-life villainies and its endless excitements, is the perfect book to begin with. Who will ever forget the supremely wicked Fagin who co-opts homeless boys into a life of crime, the murderous Bill Sikes, the brave young Oliver himself, however idealized? No wonder it had such an immense triumph as successor to the benign and lovable Pickwick! The comically radiant picaresque adventures of young Nicholas with the Crummles traveling theatrical troupe provide a wonderful contrast to the tragedy of the boy Smike, the saddest victim of the Squeers family who run the unspeakable school called Dotheboys Hall. The most decisive debut in English fiction. Here you find in Dickens the man, all the fun, acuity, sensitivity, and tough realism that characterize Dickens the supreme novelist.

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I suspect that Charles Dickens was in a pretty foul mood when he wrote "Hard Times" in He draws stark differences between the "good" people and the "bad" people in this story, and assigns bleak fates to nearly all of them.

Chapter 8 : Charles Dickens Books (79 books)

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Chapter 9 : Popular Charles Dickens Books

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