

# CHARLES DICKENS

Occupation  
Writer & Social Critic

Nationality  
English

Famous Quote  
“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”

Charles Dickens was an English writer born on the 7th February, 1812. He is regarded by many as one of the greatest novelists of all time. His writing often depicts life in Victorian England, and includes some of the most memorable characters in literature.

## BIRTH

Charles Dickens was born on the 7th of February in 1812 in Portsmouth, England.



## OLIVER TWIST

The novel *Oliver Twist* was published in 1838, featuring iconic characters such as Fagin, the Artful Dodger, and Oliver himself.

“Please Sir, I want some more.”  
*‘Oliver Twist’, 1838*



## EARLY LIFE

Charles Dickens grew up in London. He began working in a warehouse at the young age of 11 after his father was sent to prison. Charles had to largely fend for himself from a young age so he explored all areas of London. This undoubtedly influenced his writing in later years.

## VISITING AMERICA

In 1842, Charles visited America to complete a reading tour. His writing was so popular that upon arriving in several towns and cities in America, Charles found himself mobbed by hundreds of people!



## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

*A Christmas Carol* was published in December in 1843, and is perhaps Dickens’ most famous publication. It was so popular with Victorian readers that the first edition sold out by Christmas Eve!

“Reflect upon your present blessings — of which every man has many — not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.”

*‘A Christmas Carol’, 1843*

## DEATH

Charles Dickens died on the 9th of June in 1870. He is buried in Kent, England.



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