

A Biography of Charles Dickens

Charles John Huffam Dickens is best known for being a famous author. His most popular books are *Oliver Twist* and *A Christmas Carol*.

Dickens was born on the 7th February 1812 in Portsmouth. His parents were named Elizabeth John Dickens. He was the sibling out of eight. Quite surprisingly he was also known to have epilepsy as a child.

His family were quite poor, but lived beyond their means, so Charles was able to go to school. Due to the lack of care in those days, sadly only five of his siblings survived childhood.

In 1822, his family moved to London. However, ^{they} ~~was~~ were spending more money than they used to, and his family wasn't able to pay for the bills. Dickens father was sent to a debtors prison. Due to this, Charles was sent to work in a Blacking Factory by his mother to provide money for the family. Eventually, in 1827 Charles began work as a solicitors clerk.

Just a few years later Charles met Catherine and they eventually got engaged in 1835 where Dickens first book was published, *The Pickwick Papers*. A year later, he married Catherine. In 1837 Charles and Catherine had their first child.

In 1840 *The Old Curiosity Shop* was published. It was the fourth novel by Charles Dickens. The main character was called Little Nell. However, sadly, at the end Little Nell died. It is also rumoured that people

waited on the docks of New York for the last section to come out in 1841.

In 1842 Charles took himself and Catherine to America to find ideas for his books. Then, in 1844 he took his family of ten to Italy. He eventually bought Gadshill Mill in 1856 as a sign of him doing well.

After Charles and met Ellen Turner in 1858 in a acting theater, he ~~had~~ divorced with Catherine in 1858. A few years later, in 1865, when Dickens was on a train it sadly crashed and he gave brandy and water to the victims. He also went back on the crashed train to collect his journal. However, he sadly died in 1870 due to a stroke.

Even though Charles isn't alive today, people are still reading his wonderful books. His books are still being republished today. Charles even appeared on a ten pound note in 2003.

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Charles John Huffam Dickens is a famous author. His best-selling books are called *Oliver Twist* and *A Christmas Carol*. Charles has passed away many decades ago and his life was 1812-1871.

Dickens was born on the 7th February 1812 in a large city called Portsmouth. He was the second-born out of his eight siblings to John and Elizabeth. Unfortunately, during childhood he had epilepsy, which means he had no control over himself.

In 1824, John was sent to a debtors prison that Charles Dickens visited every Sunday. Later on that year, Dickens was sent to a blacking factory to earn money for the family. In 1827, he upgraded his job into a Solicitors Clerk and a passion of writing was drawn to him. Due to his passion, he continued on the writing line and became a journalist in 1831.

Charles was still alone at this point of his life, until he finally met Catherine in 1834. A few years later in 1836, they were married and spent their life together. Later in 1842, Charles took his beloved wife to America. They enjoyed their holiday and so he took all of his family - including Catherine - to Italy a year later.

In early 1843, he began work on his latest book called *Martin Chuzzlewit*. Later that year, the novel came to an end and started to get published. Charles began to think that his relationship wasn't working out. He saw a pretty little actress in the theater and they started to like each other. In 1856, Charles finally had enough money to purchase Gadd's Hill. This was his father's dream house, so he was really glad to buy said property. Dickens finally decided to divorce Catherine for a famous actress Ellen Turner and

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he was sad but also happy that he found the true love of his life.

Sadly, as he was on a train to London, he suffered a train crash in 1865. Nobody was severely hurt from this incident, but several people were injured. Due to this, Charles offered each and every person some refreshments of brandi and water. Several years later, his health started to deteriorate until he died in 1870 and was buried in Westminster Abby.

Many people still enjoy reading his books to this day. His novels have been published many times and due to his death, The Bank Of England decided to print him on the ten-pound-notes in 2003 as a way of remembrance.