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Author Study: Charles Dickens



Who was Charles Dickens?



This is Charles Dickens.

He was a famous English writer. People all over the world enjoy his stories.

Find out more about him, below.

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Key facts

- Charles Dickens was a famous English writer. He wrote many books, including *Oliver Twist* and *Scrooge*.
- When Dickens was a child his family were very poor.
- When he became famous, only rich people could afford to buy books. Dickens published his stories in sections in (cheaper) magazines so poorer people could read them.

Did you know?

- Charles Dickens had seven brothers and sisters.
- He and his wife had ten children!
- The Dickens family had a pet raven (a large black bird) called Grip. When Grip died, Dickens had it stuffed!
- Dickens almost became an actor. He didn't get his first acting job because he had a bad cold.



Task:

Write a short summary of Charles Dickens' life.