

Charles Dickens

OLIVER TWIST

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Oliver Twist is a poor orphan in a cruel society. Maltreated from birth, he escapes only to become an accidental member of a gang of pickpockets and robbers. Briefly rescued, he is then kidnapped as part of a plot to defraud him of his inheritance, and his prospects seem as bleak as his surroundings. But one member of the gang won't let hope die – whatever the cost.

Charles Dickens transformed this dark fable on the Poor Laws into one of the best-loved books in English, filling it with brilliant characters (Fagin, the Artful Dodger, Mr Bumble), scathing humour and an optimism that touches even its darkest moments.



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