

# CHARLES DICKENS

# Ghost Stories

Read by **David Timson**

Charles Dickens was a master of the macabre. His stories of madness, murder and revenge, often imbued with a sympathetic moral undertone, have continued to thrill and chill readers ever since they were written. Here then are 15 tales that display the full range of Dickens's Gothic talents. *The Signalman*, perhaps the most well-known, is a chilling story about a mysterious figure and its deathly omen; *The Haunted Man and the Ghost's Bargain* shows the consequences for those who make deals with the dead; *The Portrait-Painter's Story* follows an artist who paints a non-living person by memory; and *Captain Murderer and the Devil's Bargain*, a bedtime story from Dickens's own childhood, tells of a bloodthirsty man who kills his brides and bakes them into pies. Among others, the collection also includes *A Christmas Carol*, *The Baron of Grogzwig* from *The Pickwick Papers*, and *The Ghost in the Bride's Chamber*, a novella co-written with Wilkie Collins.



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