

Charles Dickens

The Old Curiosity Shop

Read by **Anton Lesser**

Death, innocence, sacrifice and corruption –
The Old Curiosity Shop is vintage Dickens.

Provoking an unprecedented outpouring of public grief when it was first published, it follows the story of Little Nell and her feckless grandfather. Forced to leave their magical shop of curiosities in London, they are pursued across the English countryside by the grotesquely evil dwarf Quilp.

They escape – but at what cost?

Part tragedy, part allegory, this is Dickens at his most intense – drawing on his own experiences, he weaves a story of extraordinary emotional power.



One of Britain's leading classical actors, **Anton Lesser** has worked extensively at the National Theatre, and is an associate artist of the Royal Shakespeare Company, where, over the years, he has played many of the principal roles, including Romeo, Troilus, Petruchio and Richard III. A familiar voice on radio, he has been involved in countless plays and recordings, and has become particularly associated with his award winning readings of Dickens for Naxos AudioBooks.

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