

Charles Dickens

Our Mutual Friend

Read by **David Timson**

In this, his last completed novel, Dickens dissects a society crippled by materialism. Each strata is deeply affected by a greed for money, from those who eke out a meagre living in the slime and mud of the Thames to the upper classes with their gilded ornaments. John Harmon, returning to inherit his father's estate, disappears, believed drowned – but is he? Mistaken identity provides a cloak of anonymity for John to observe Bella Wilfer, whom he must marry to secure his inheritance; if he fails to make his claim Bella's guardians, Mr and Mrs Boffin, stand to inherit all. This is a story rich in disguise and intrigue, at every level, with the Thames, symbol of both life and death, weaving its way through it all.



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