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Charles Dickens

Charles Dickens was born on 7 February 1812. He was an English writer and created some of the world's most memorable fiction characters (Scrooge). One of the most famous characters he created was Oliver Twist, a poor kid living in London.

Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. His parents married but Charles' father, John Dickens, became the second of eight children.

When Charles was 12, his own mother took him to a debtors' prison because his father was sent to prison for not paying his bills. By 1824 Charles' father had died and Charles had to work in a shoe factory. He got a job in a law office at the age of 15. He then got a job writing about Parliament, the married husband and married good England's magazine, writing for newspapers.

Dickens could often walk around the city of London with a good knowledge of the language in the old days that he had learned from working with other law clerks. He wanted to make things better for poor and oppressed, houses, schools and hospitals. Charles believed in justice and wanted to help the poor.

In 1837 Oliver Twist came out. He was an orphan boy who ends up in London in a gang of thieves. The story ends happily for Oliver but people were shocked by the way poor children were treated.

In 1841 Dickens wrote a Christmas Carol, one of his most famous stories. It was about mean, greedy Scrooge and his helpers.

In 1842 Dickens came to the United States, meeting large audiences on stage. The job was busy and he had a very rich life.

In 1859 Charles Dickens died at his home in Kent. He was writing a book when he died. The history of Oliver Twist, he was found in a room with a book.

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