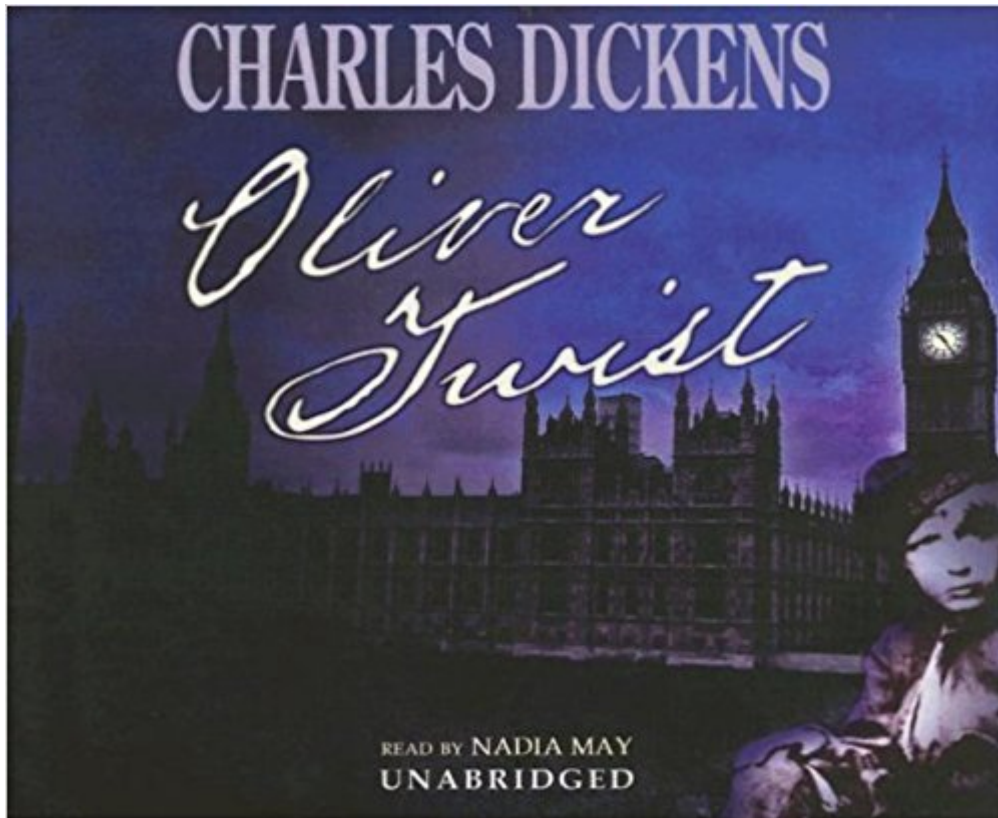




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Set in London's seedy backstreet slums, *Oliver Twist* is the story of a workhouse orphan captured and thrust into a den of thieves, where some of Dickens's most depraved villains preside: the incorrigible Artful Dodger, the barbarous bully Bill Sikes, and the terrible Fagin, whose knavery threatens to send them all to the gallows. At the heart of the drama, however, is Oliver, the orphan whose unsullied goodness leads him to salvation and who represents Dickens's belief in the principle of good triumphing at last. This was the first of Dickens's works to depict realistically London's impoverished underworld and to illustrate his belief that poverty leads to crime. Writing it shortly after the government halted payments to the poor unless they entered workhouses, he used the tale of young Oliver as his vehicle for social criticism.

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Charles Dickens (1812-1870) was born in Landport, Portsmouth, England, the second of eight children in a family continually plagued by debt. A legacy brought release from the nightmare of debtors' prison and child labor and afforded him a few years of formal schooling. He worked as an attorney's clerk and newspaper reporter until his early writings brought him the amazing success that was to be his for the remainder of his life. He was the most popular English novelist of the Victorian era, and he remains popular, responsible for some of English literature's most iconic characters. Wanda McCaddon (a.k.a. Nadia May or Donada Peters) has narrated well over six hundred titles for major audiobook publishers, has earned numerous Earphones Awards, and was named a Golden Voice by AudioFile magazine.

I am a language arts teacher and my 8th grade class listened to this fine audio CD as we read along. The narration is excellent. My only warning concerning the book and audio CD is that one of the characters, Charles Bates, is regularly referred to as "Master Bates", which teenagers find hilarious.

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