

SOLUTIONS INTERMEDIATE 5

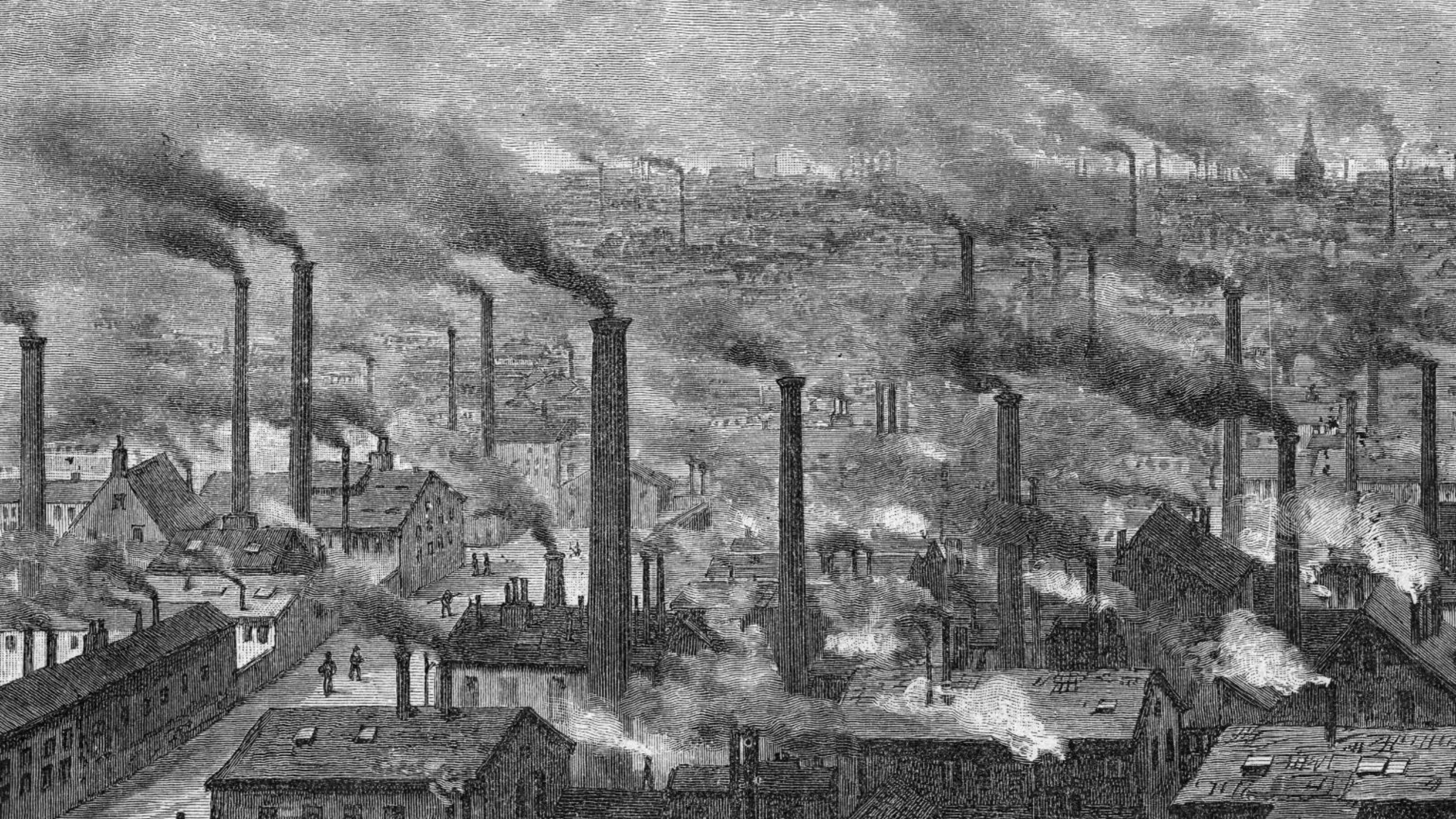
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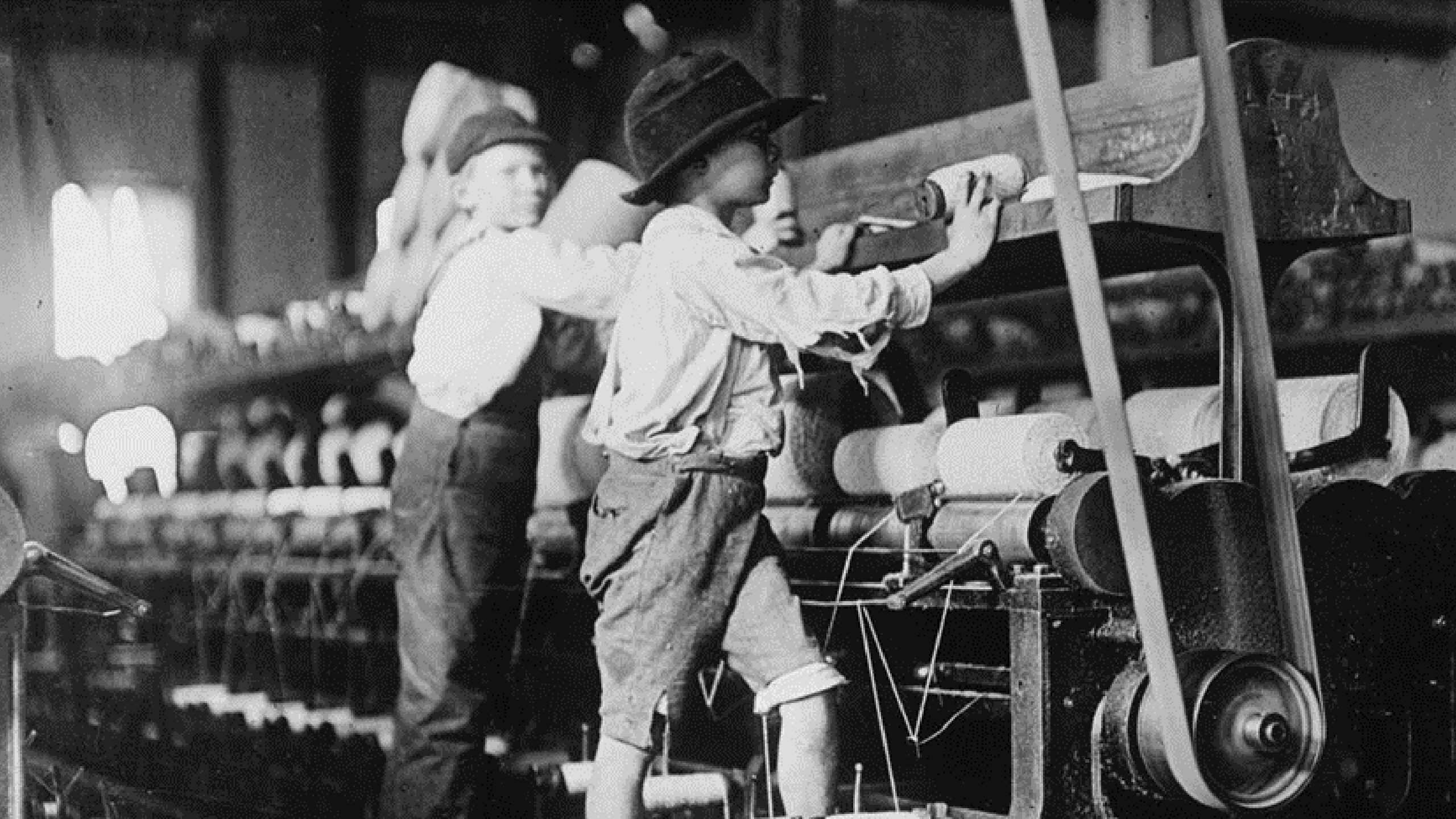
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1 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Have you heard of the writer Dickens? Can you name anything he wrote? Have you ever seen a film or TV version of something he wrote?

2  4.14 In pairs, do the quiz about the life and works of Dickens. Circle the correct answers (a–c). Then listen and check your answers.

- 1 Where was Dickens born?
 - a west coast of England
 - b east coast of England
 - c south coast of England
- 2 In which century did Dickens live?
 - a 18th
 - b 19th
 - c 20th
- 3 What genre of writing is Dickens most famous for?
 - a novels
 - b plays
 - c poetry
- 4 Which city did Dickens often write about?
 - a London
 - b Liverpool
 - c New York
- 5 What is Scrooge, the Dickens character in the picture, famous for?
 - a his kindness
 - b his pessimism
 - c his meanness



- 3  4.14 Listen again. Complete the titles of works by Dickens with the words below.

Christmas David Friend Great House Papers Twist

1 *The Pickwick Papers*

5 _____ *Expectations*

2 *Oliver* _____

6 *Our Mutual* _____

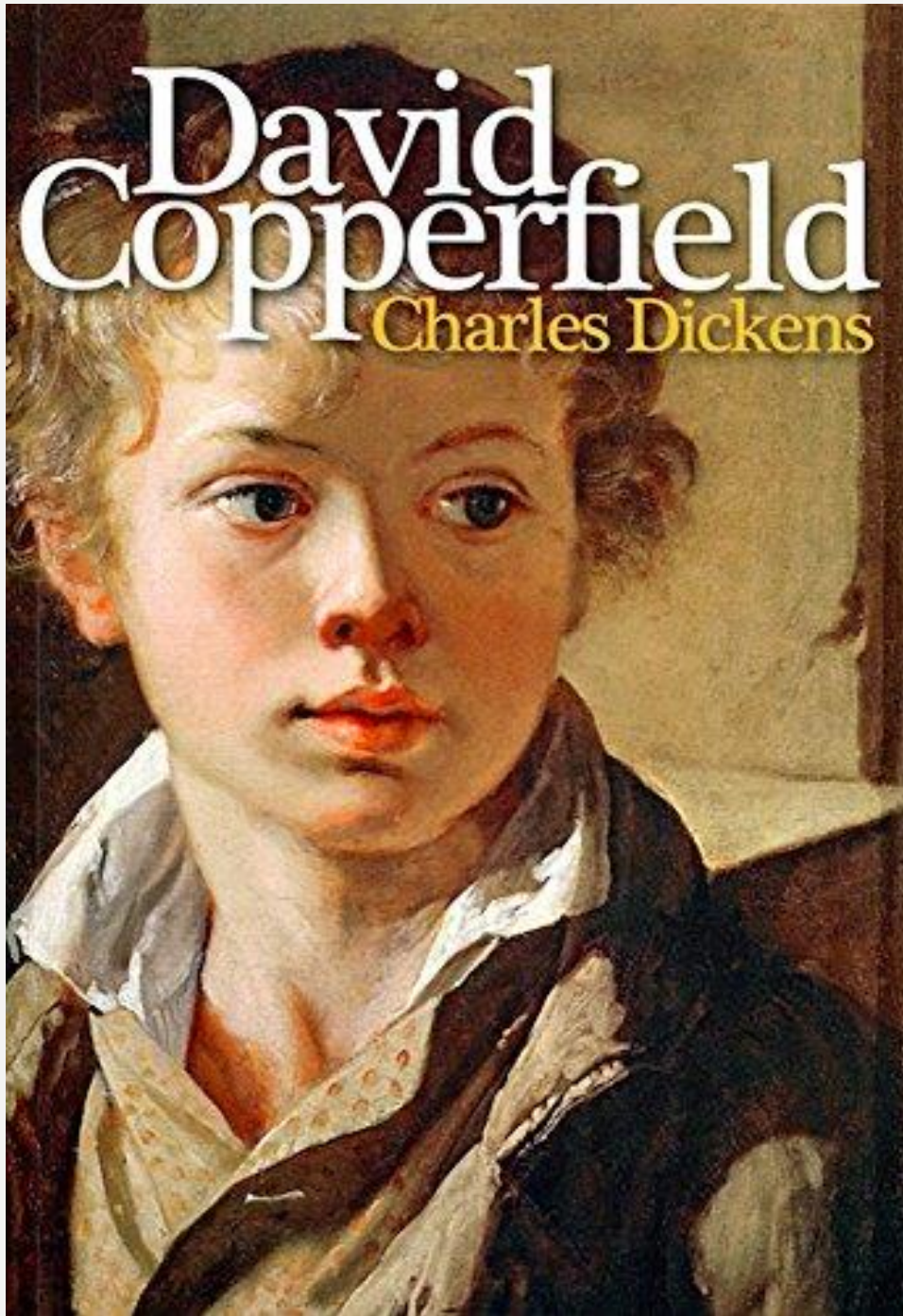
3 *A* _____ *Carol*

7 _____ *Copperfield*

4 *Bleak* _____

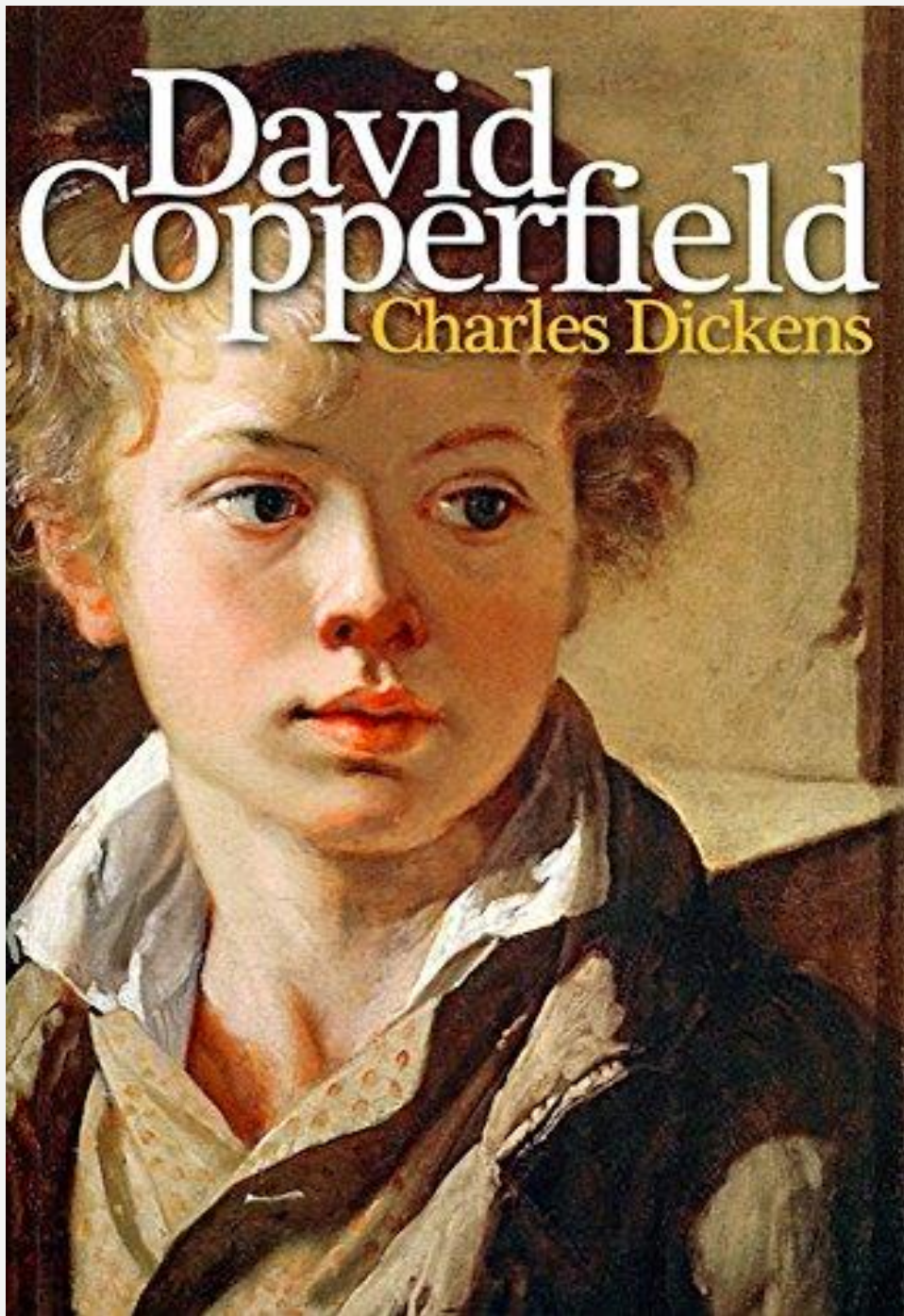
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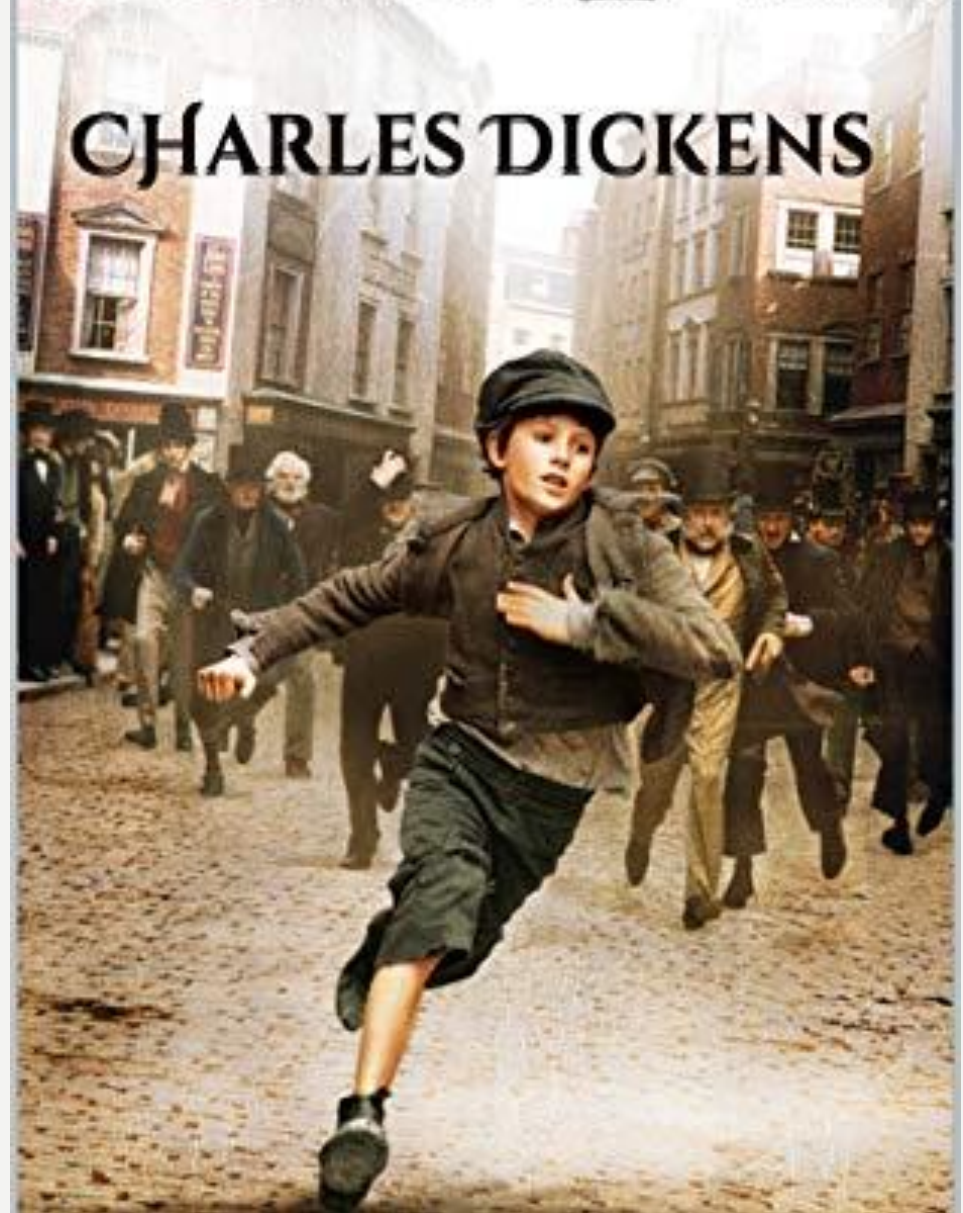
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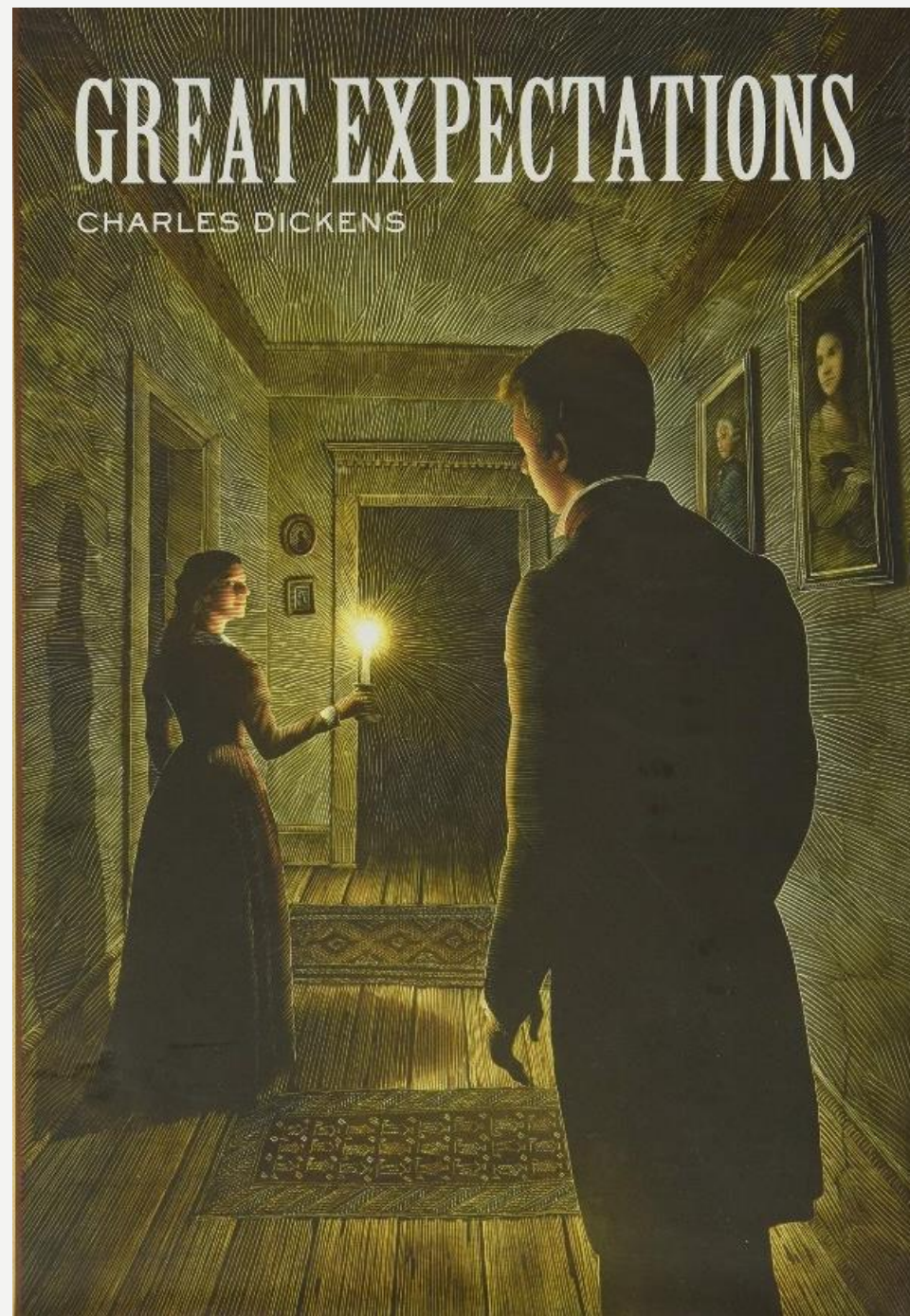
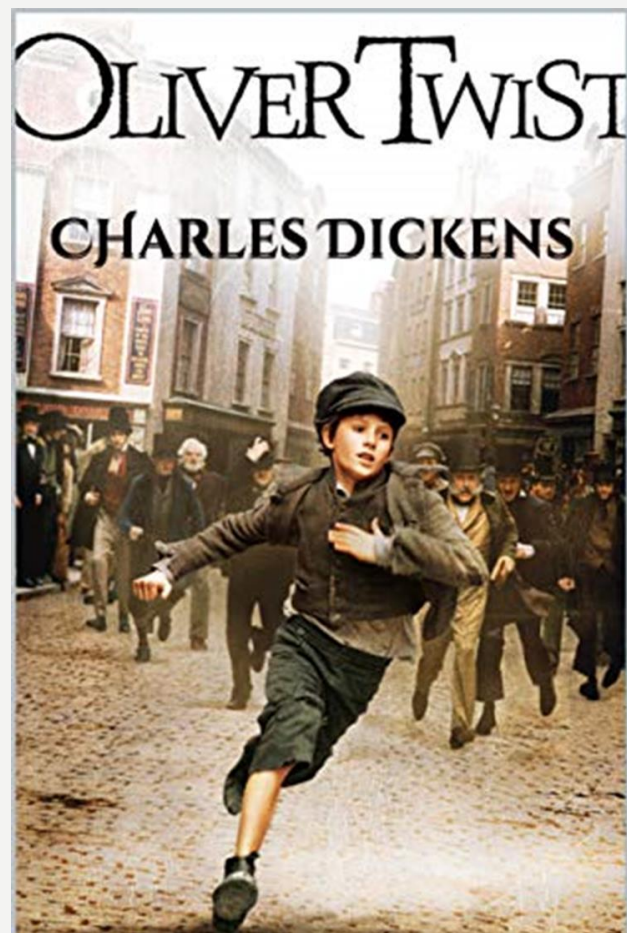
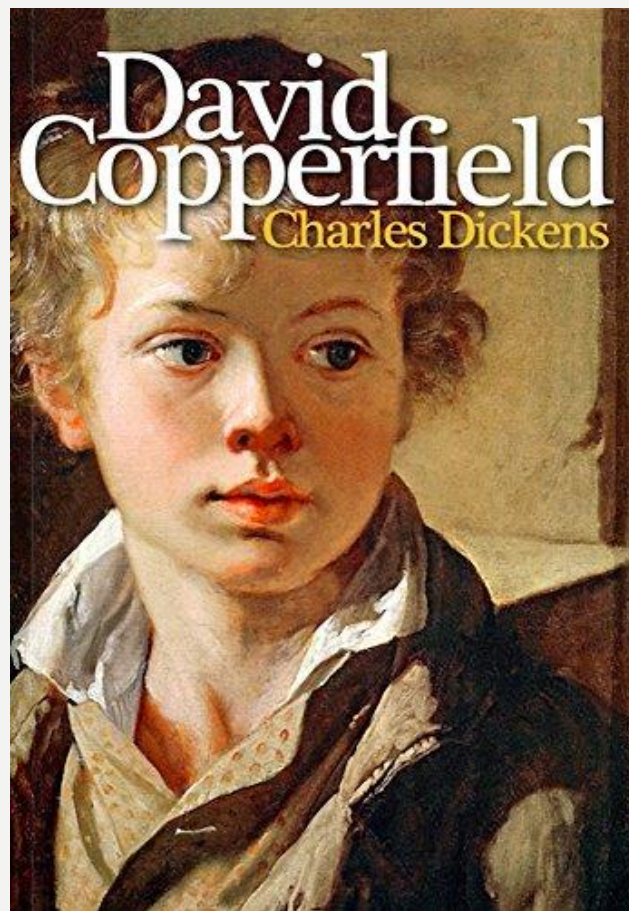
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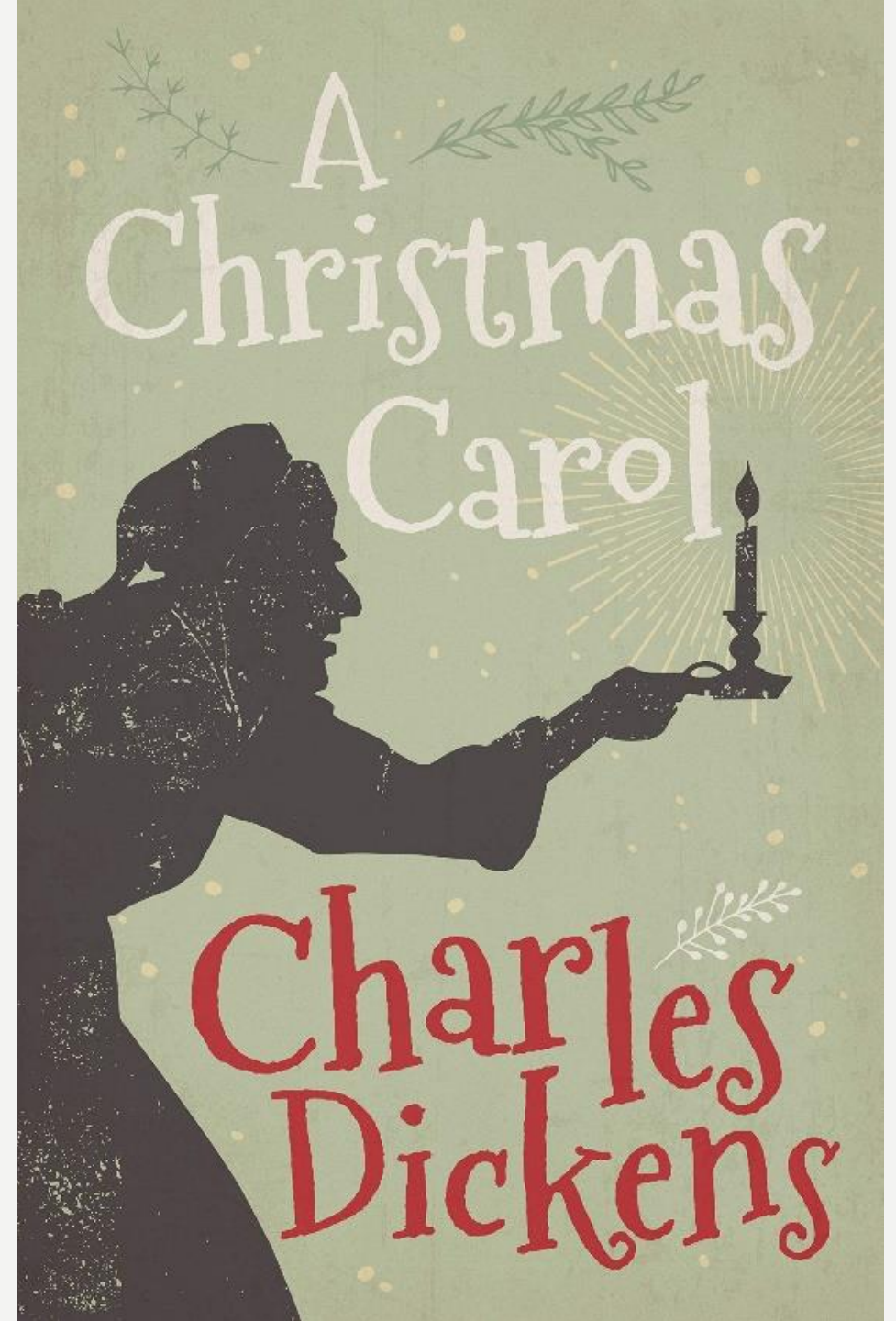
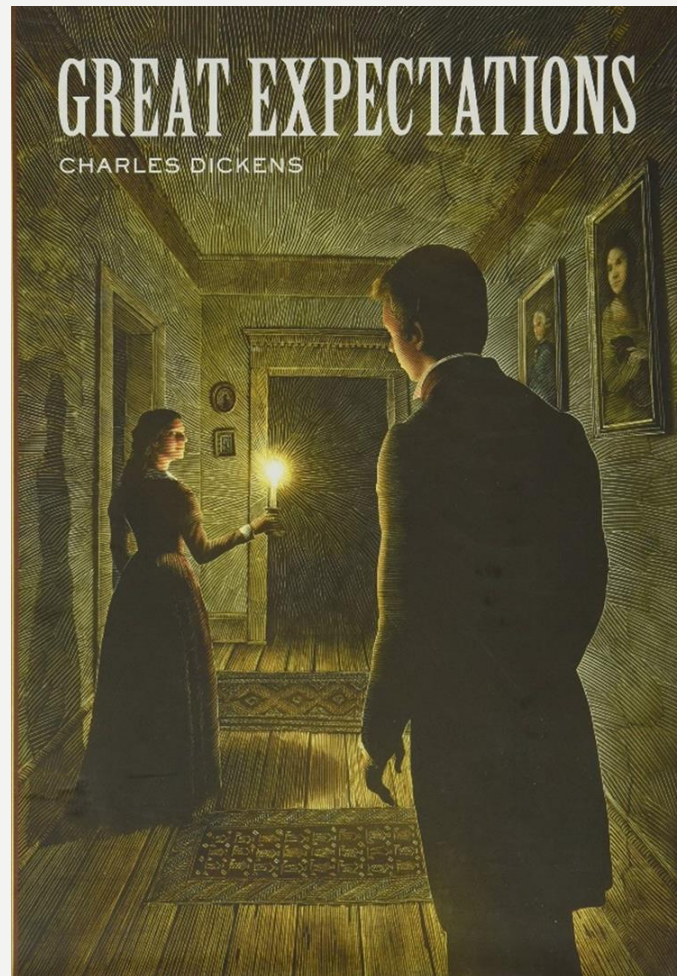
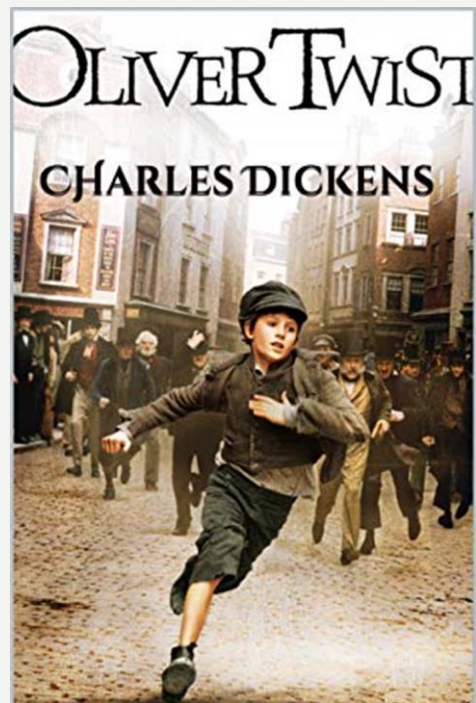
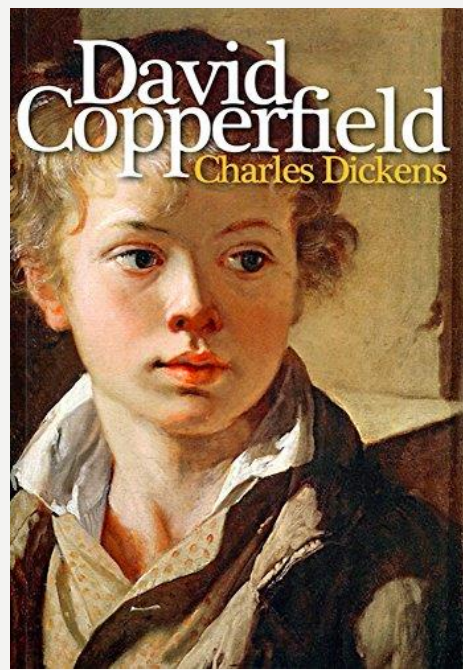


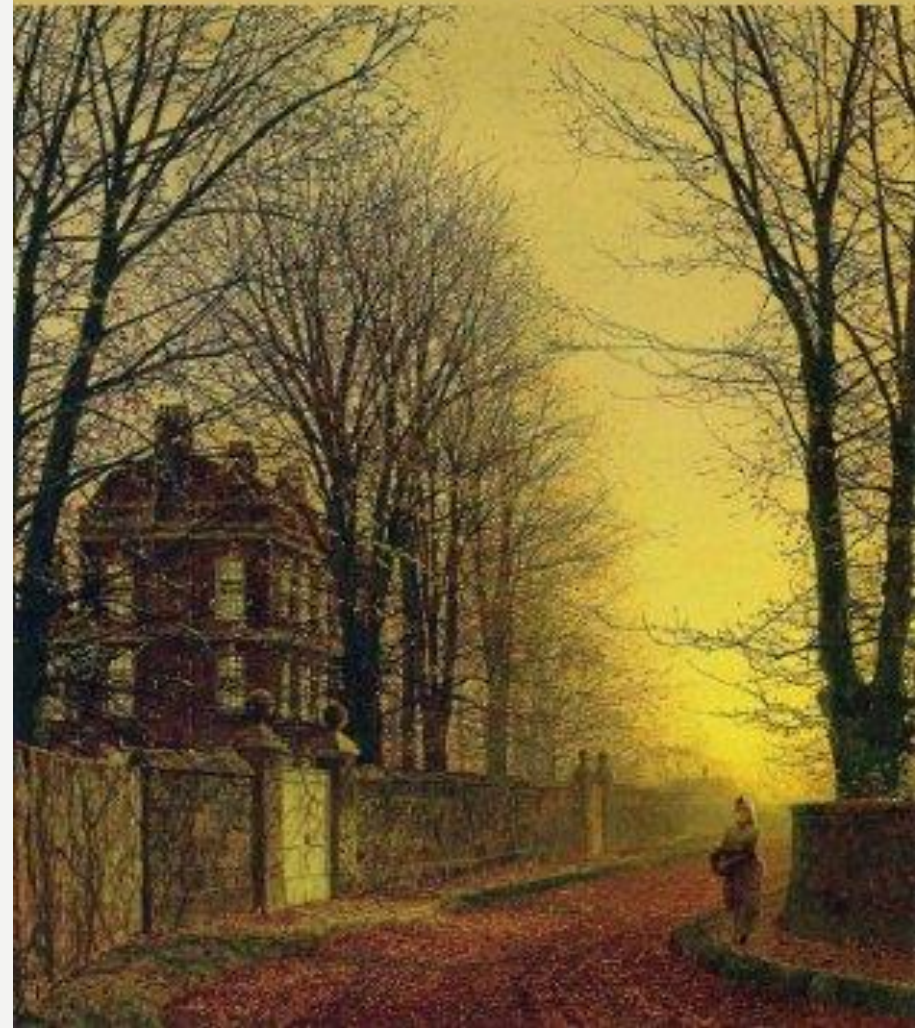
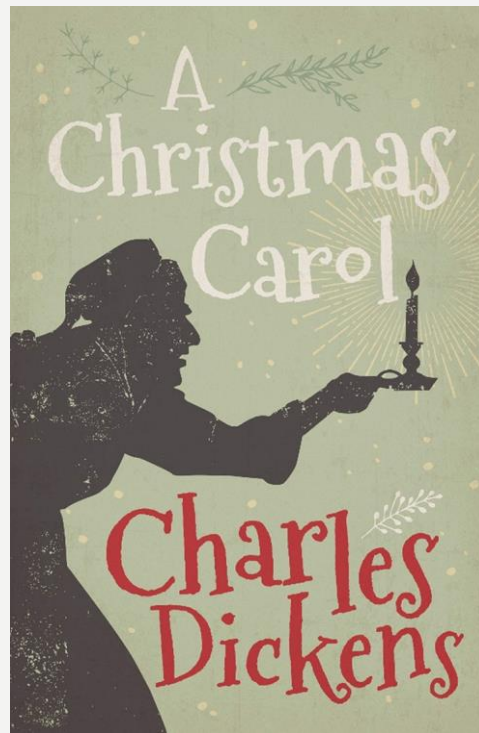
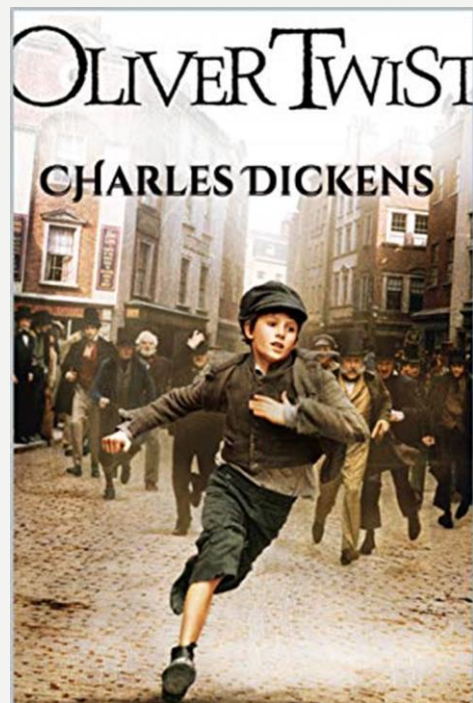
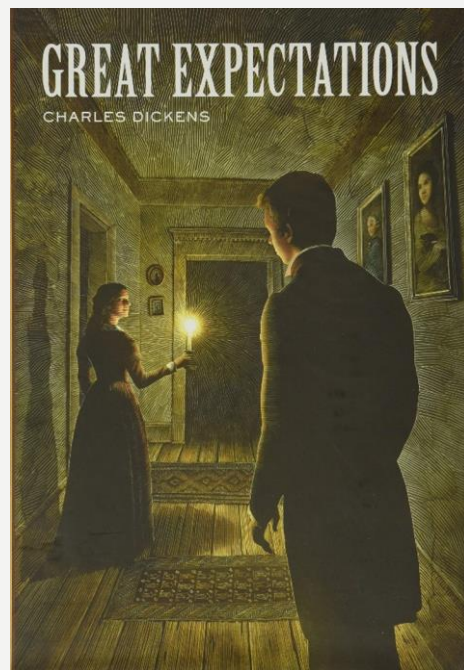
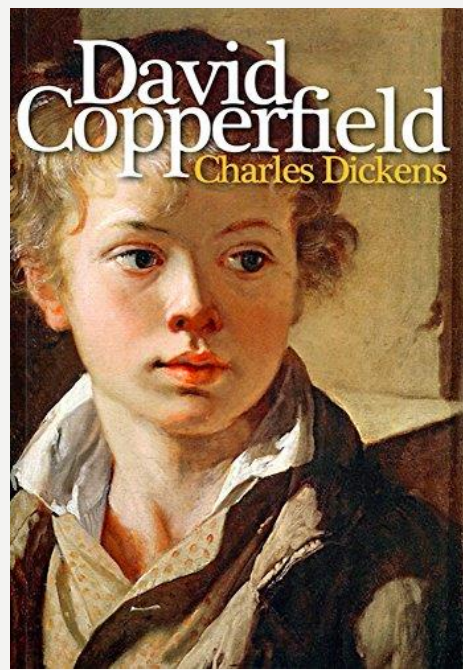
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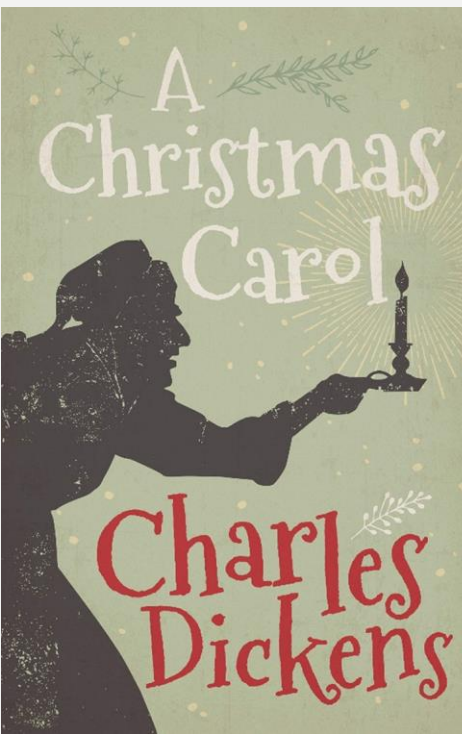
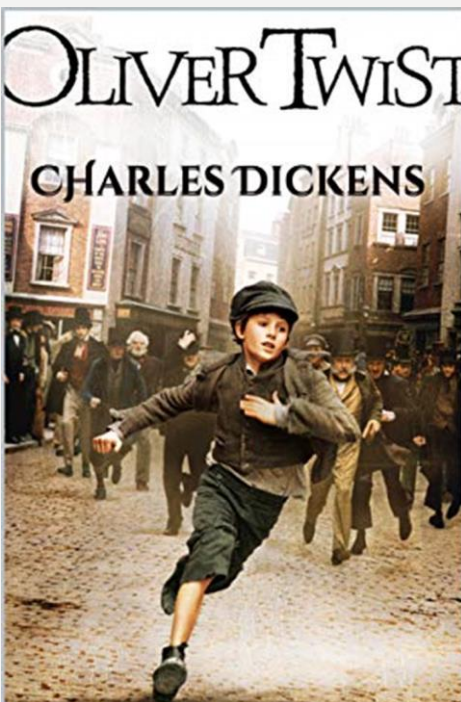
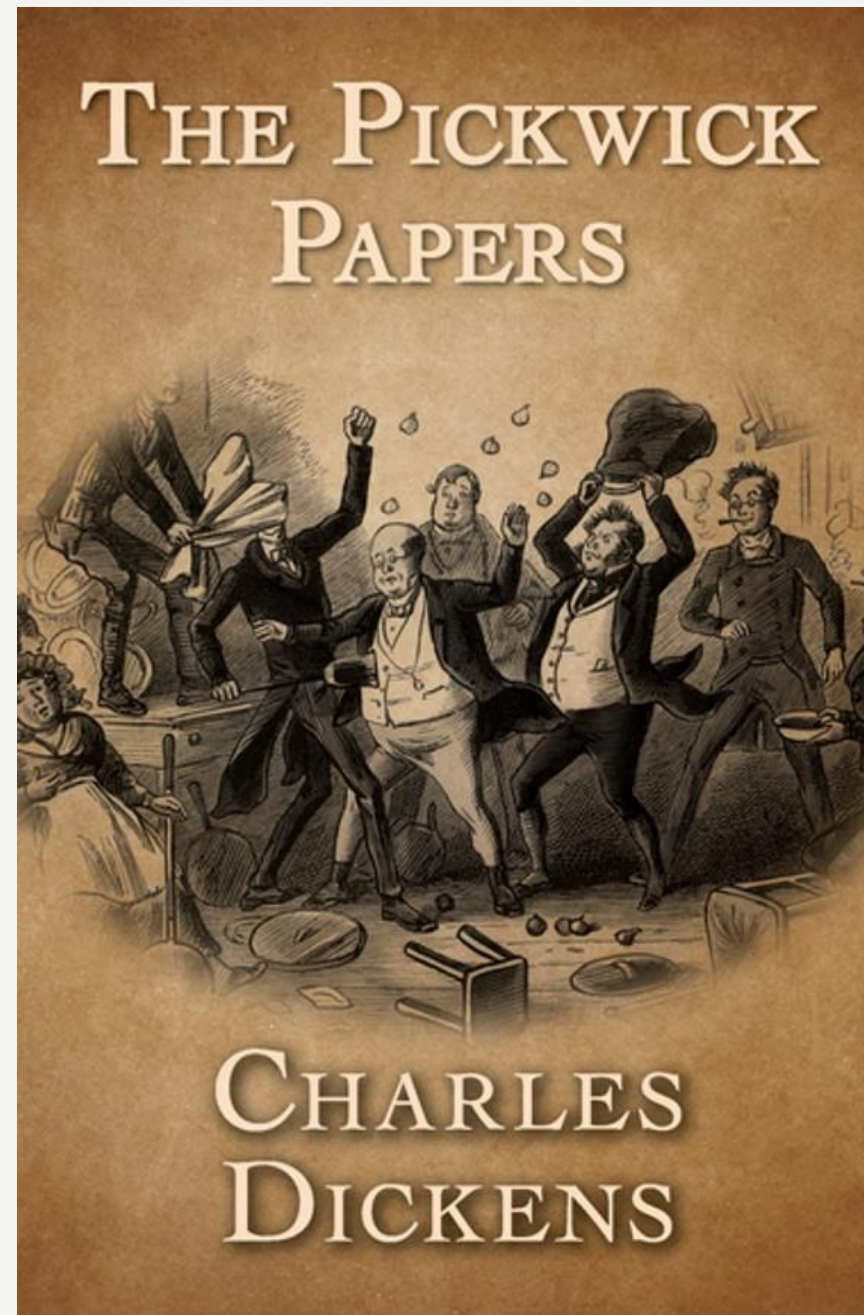
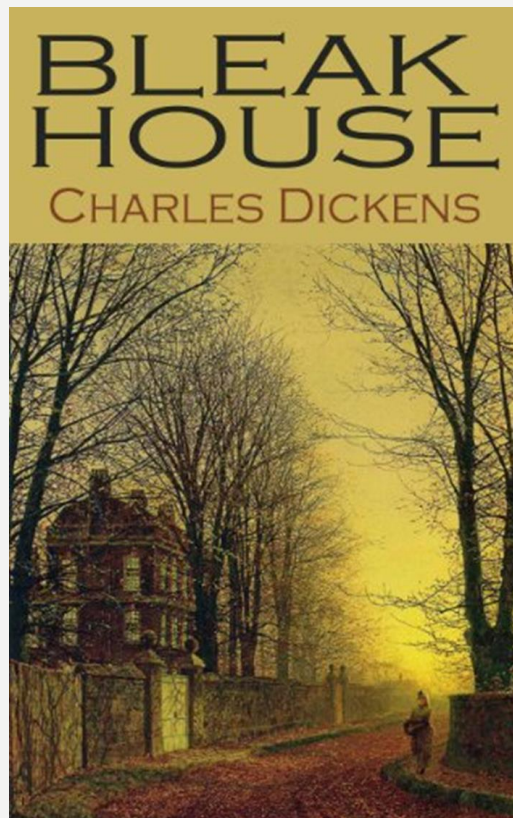
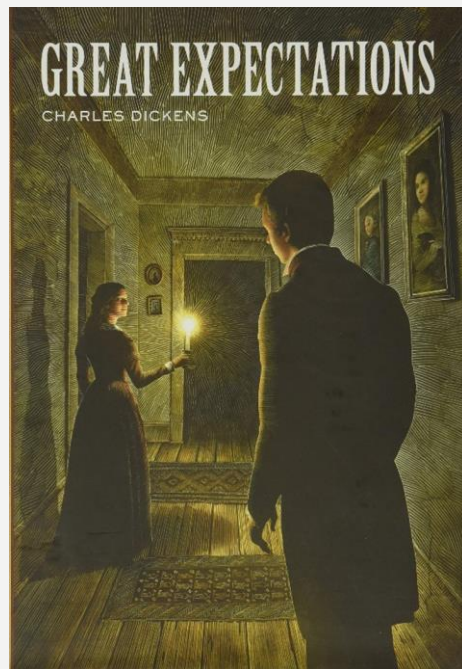
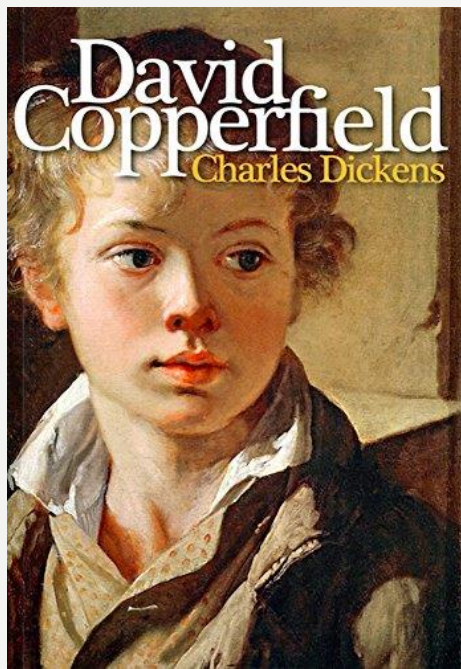
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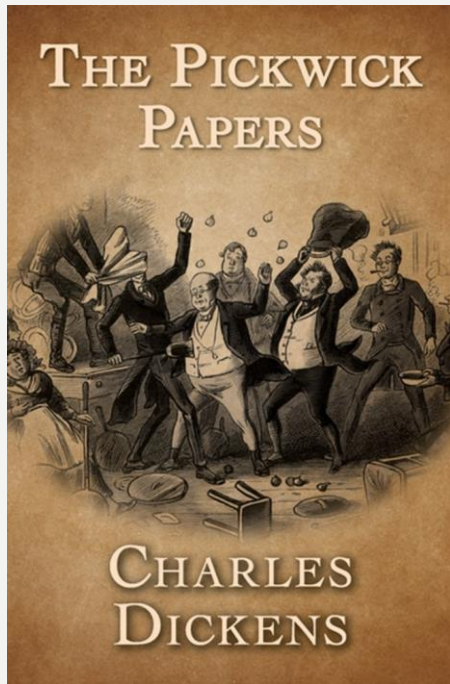
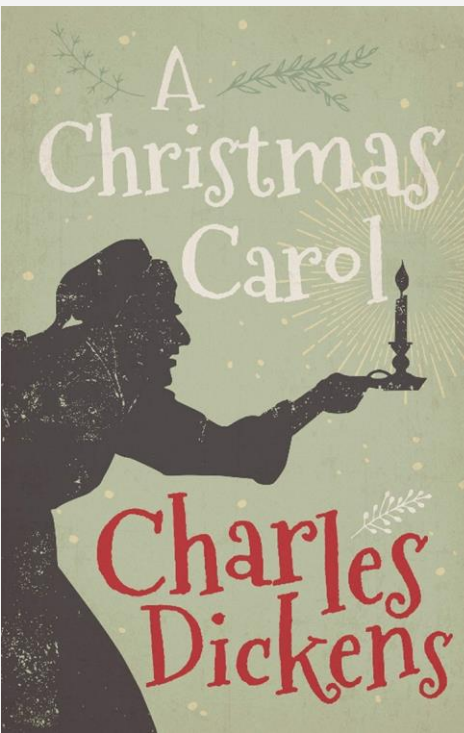
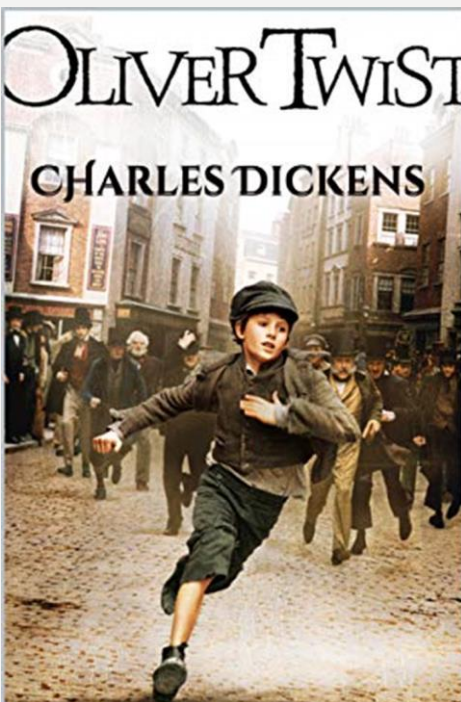
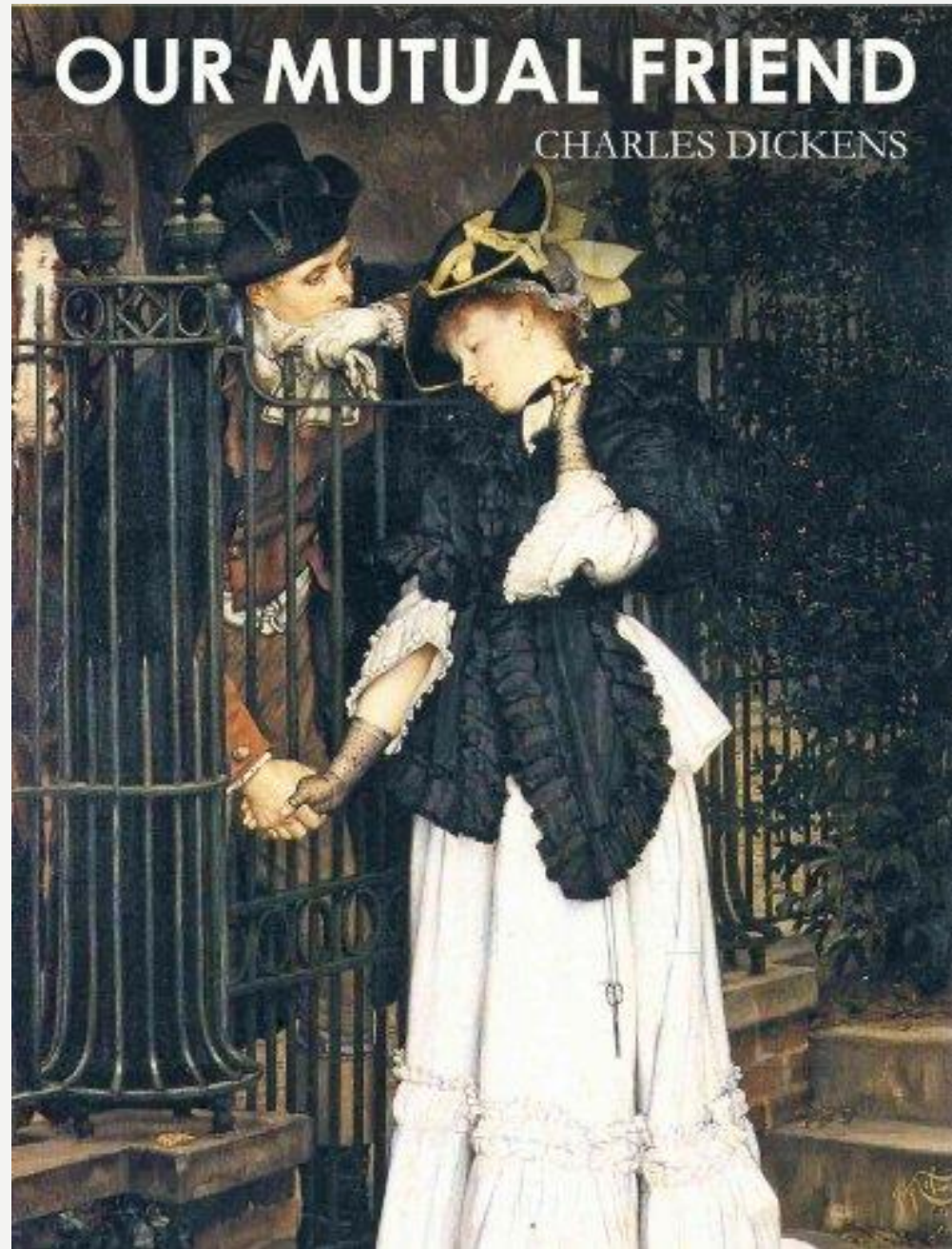
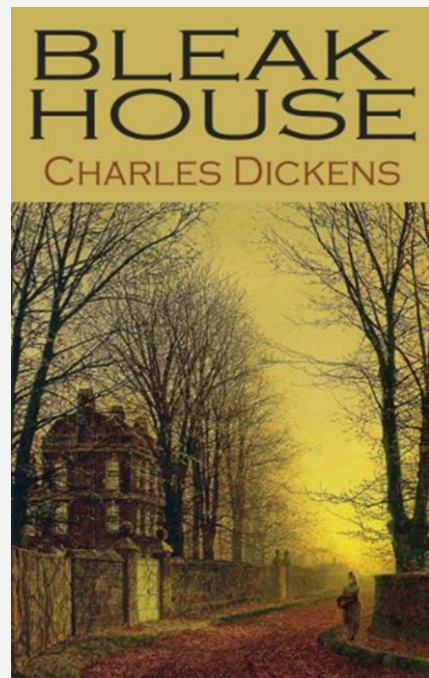
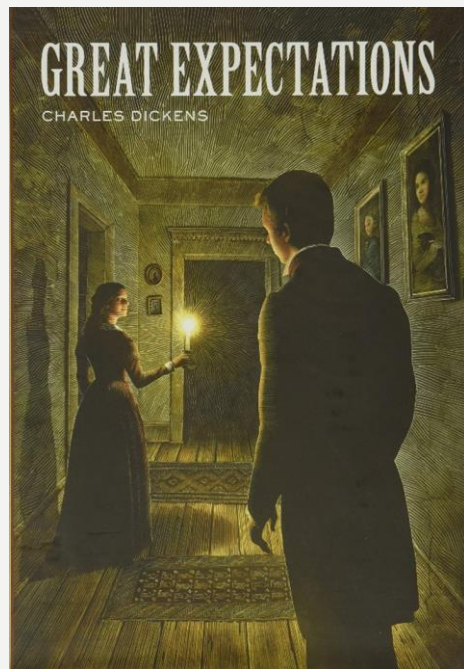
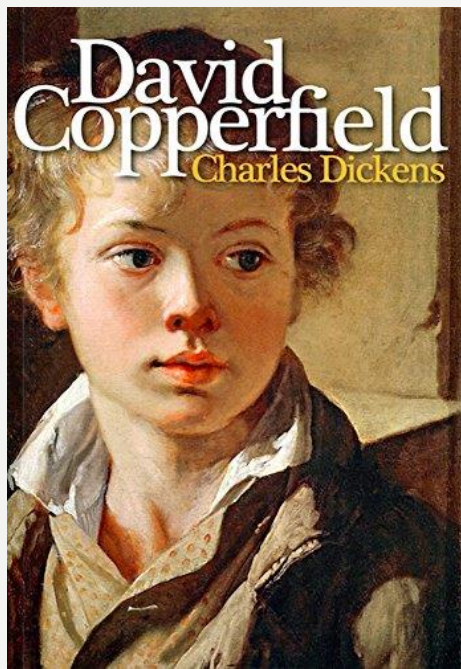












4 Read part 1 of a summary of *Oliver Twist*. Does Oliver have an easy or difficult start in life? Why do you imagine Dickens often writes about people like this?


PART 1


At the start of the novel, Oliver is born in a workhouse (a place where very poor and homeless people go to live). His mother dies immediately after he is born, without telling anyone her name or the name of Oliver's father. Oliver is brought up as an orphan at the workhouse, where he is shown no kindness. After a famous scene in which he asks for more food, he is treated even more unkindly, so he runs away to London. There, he meets a boy called Jack Dawkins, whose nickname is the Artful Dodger. The Dodger introduces Oliver to a 'gentleman' called Fagin.



PART 2

Fagin is the leader of a gang of young pickpockets who he sends out onto the streets of London ¹ ____ steal money, watches and handkerchiefs. Oliver is part of the gang until one of their attempts goes wrong. Oliver is caught, but instead ² ____ being punished, he is looked after ³ ____ a kind gentleman called Mr Brownlow. However, Fagin and his gang are worried that Oliver knows ⁴ ____ much, so they force him to leave Mr Brownlow's house and join their gang again. In ⁵ ____ end, Oliver discovers that he is from a rich family. Fagin is caught and punished ⁶ ____ his crimes, while Oliver inherits a lot of money.

5  4.15 Listen to two extracts from *Oliver Twist*. Which events from the summary in exercise 4 do they show?

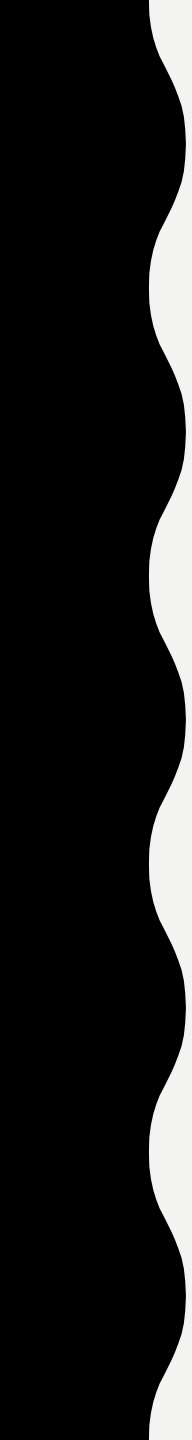
- 6  4.15 Listen again and answer the questions about each extract. For some questions, you need to speculate or give your own opinion.

Extract 1


- 1 Why did the boys' food bowls never need washing?
- 2 What did one boy threaten to do to the boy who slept in the next bed?
- 3 When Dickens describes the master as 'fat and healthy', what contrast is he making?
- 4 What two punishments does Oliver receive for asking for more food?

Extract 2

- 5 What evidence is there in the extract that the room is a kitchen, a bedroom and a dining room?
- 6 How do you think Oliver feels when the Dodger calls him 'my friend' and Fagin calls him 'my dear'? Why might he feel that way?
- 7 If you were Oliver, where would you prefer to be: in the workhouse or with Fagin and the boys? Why?
- 8 What do Fagin and the boys do to earn money? Are there any clues in the extract?



7 Read part 2 of the summary and complete it with appropriate words. Check your answer to question 8 in exercise 6.



**WHAT SUBJECTS
WOULD YOU
WRITE ABOUT IF
YOU HAD TO
WRITE?**

8 SPEAKING In your opinion, who is your country's most important writer? What kind of works does he / she write? How many of them have you read?



**ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN
THIS KIND OF
LITERATURE?**

DO YOU REMEMBER IAN FLEMING AND JAMES BOND?

