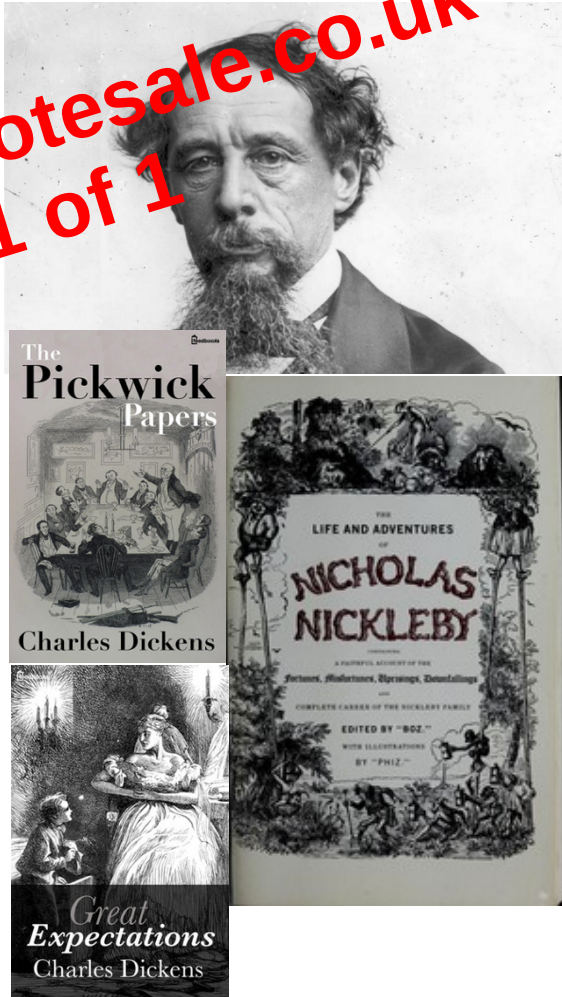


Charles Dickens

His Life

Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth on the 7th of February 1812 to his father, John Dickens, the inspiration for the character of Mr Micawber in 'David Copperfield', and his mother, Elizabeth Dickens. He was sent to school at the age of nine. His father was in very bad debt so his entire family (apart from Charles) were sent to Marshalsea prison. Charles was sent to work in Warren's blacking factory with horrible working conditions. After working three years he was returned to school. He writes about this experience in 'David Copperfield' and 'Great Expectations'.

He began his writing career in journalism. He wrote stories in the newspaper in installments and they became very popular.



His Works

His most famous plays are:

- A Tale of Two Cities
- No Thoroughfare
- The Frozen Deep
 - The Goblins
- A Christmas Carol

His most famous books are:

- The Pickwick Papers
 - Oliver Twist
- Nicholas Nickleby
- A Christmas Carol
- David Copperfield
- A Tale of Two Cities
- Great Expectations