



A Christmas carol

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- o **Charles Dickens** (7 February 1812 – 9 June 1870 UK) was an English writer and social critic.
- o He created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded by many as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era.

- His works enjoyed unprecedented popularity during his lifetime and, by the 20th century, critics and scholars had recognised him as a literary genius. His novels and short stories are widely read today.

Works

- o Oliver Twist
- o A Christmas Carol
- o A Tale of Two Cities
- o Great Expectations

Novella

- o A Christmas Carol, is a novella by Charles Dickens, published in London 1843.
- o A novella is a short novel, that is, a narrative prose fiction whose length is shorter than that of most novels, but longer than most short stories

Story

- A Christmas Carol is a play about a mean-spirited and selfish old man, Ebenezer Scrooge, who hates Christmas.

o One cold Christmas Eve, Scrooge is unkind to the people who work for him, then refuses to give to charity, and then is rude to his nephew when he invites him to spend Christmas with him.

- When Scrooge gets home, he is visited by the ghost of his old business partner Marley – and then by three ghosts! They are the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Future.

- o The Ghost of Christmas Past takes Scrooge on a journey through Christmases from his past, taking Scrooge to see himself as an unhappy child and a young man more in love with money than his fiancé

- o The Ghost of Christmas Present shows Scrooge his clerk, Bob Cratchit's family. At Bob Cratchit's house Scrooge sees Tiny Tim, who is very ill, but full of spirit. The ghost then takes him to see his nephew Fred's Christmas celebrations - which he had been invited to, but rebuffed.

o Finally, The Ghost of Christmas Future terrifies Scrooge by showing him visions of his own death...

- o The ghosts' journey through time teaches Scrooge the error of his ways. When he wakes up on Christmas Day he is full of excitement, and buys the biggest turkey in the shop for the Cratchit family before spending the day with his nephew, full of the joys of Christmas.