

Ghost Stories

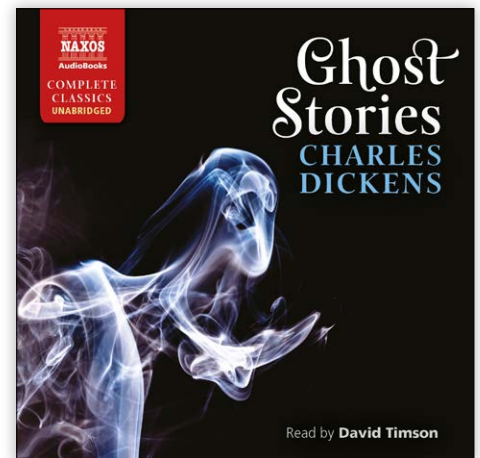
CHARLES DICKENS

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Charles Dickens was a master of the macabre. His stories of madness, murder and revenge, often imbued with a sympathetic moral undertone, have continued to thrill and chill readers ever since they were written. Here then are 15 tales that display the full range of Dickens's Gothic talents. *The Signalman*, perhaps the most well-known, is a chilling story about a mysterious figure and its deathly omen; *The Haunted Man and the Ghost's Bargain* shows the consequences for those who make deals with the dead; *The Portrait-Painter's Story* follows an artist who paints a non-living person by memory; and *Captain Murderer and the Devil's Bargain*, a bedtime story from Dickens's own childhood, tells of a bloodthirsty man who kills his brides and bakes them into pies. Among others, the collection also includes *A Christmas Carol*, *The Baron of Grogzwig* from *The Pickwick Papers*, and *The Ghost in the Bride's Chamber*, a novella co-written with Wilkie Collins.



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		1 1-1 A Christmas Carol	10:31			23 4-2 'Who's that?' said he. 'Come in!'	11:38
		2 1-2 The clerk in the Tank involuntarily...	10:00			24 4-3 Mr. Swidger, in his polite desire to seem...	10:26
		3 1-3 The office was closed in a twinkling...	9:09			25 4-4 Such a staid matter-of-fact housewife...	9:45
		4 1-4 The cellar-door flew open...	10:17			26 4-5 It paused, and seemed to tempt...	11:05
		5 1-5 The Ghost, on hearing this, set up...	8:05			27 4-6 But having stood before him, silent...	9:18
		6 1-6 Stave II: The First of the Three Spirits	11:58			28 4-7 Chapter 2: The Gift Diffused	9:12
		7 1-7 'These are but shadows of the things...'	10:18			29 5-1 Softening more and more, as his own...	10:24
		8 2-1 Although they had but that moment...	11:09			30 5-2 Mrs. Tetterby, without any remark...	11:25
		9 2-2 'You fear the world too much,'...	10:36			31 5-3 The good woman, quite carried away...	9:31
		10 2-3 Stave III: The Second of the Three Spirits	9:10			32 5-4 He sat down on a chair near the door...	9:49
		11 2-4 For, the people who were shovelling away...	9:17			33 5-5 The student opened a frail door...	11:49
		12 2-5 'What has ever got your precious father...'	10:08			34 5-6 The creature lay in such a fiery heat...	11:58
		13 2-6 Scrooge bent before the Ghost's rebuke...	9:44			35 6-1 He drew a little off, and in doing so...	11:28
		14 2-7 It was a great surprise to Scrooge...	9:48			36 6-2 Redlaw could not reply by any word...	11:26
		15 3-1 The Ghost was greatly pleased...	8:23			37 6-3 Chapter 3: The Gift Reversed	10:27
		16 3-2 Stave IV: The Last of the Spirits	10:21			38 6-4 It seemed to look down upon the boy...	8:11
		17 3-3 Sitting in among the wares he dealt in...	10:10			39 6-5 A diversion arose here among Johnny...	11:22
		18 3-4 Oh cold, cold, rigid, dreadful Death...	10:14			40 6-6 Mr. and Mrs. Tetterby were not a bit...	9:24
		19 3-5 He left the room, and went up-stairs...	9:27			41 6-7 He saw the children throng about her...	7:21
		20 3-6 Stave V: The End of It	8:21			42 7-1 The boy still held back at first...	9:55
		21 3-7 'My dear sir,' said Scrooge, quickening...	7:39			43 7-2 In the few moments that elapsed...	9:15
		22 4-1 The Haunted Man and the Ghost's Bargain	11:25			44 7-3 The Ghost in the Bride's Chamber	10:36



45	7-4	'Her mother had taken care to secure...'
46	7-5	'He sat before her in the gloomy bride's...'
47	7-6	'He buried the body in the night...'
48	7-7	'The youth was there, likewise.'
49	8-1	The Signalman
50	8-2	Said I, when I rose to leave him...
51	8-3	Then he went on. 'I have no peace...'
52	8-4	To Be Read at Dusk
53	8-5	But, one day she told me the secret.
54	8-6	To make an end, the signore came again...
55	8-7	Captain Murderer and the Devil's Bargain
56	9-1	On his marriage morning, he always...
57	9-2	'What are you doing, Chips?' said the rat...
58	9-3	Christmas Ghosts
59	9-4	Or thus, it came to pass how Lady Mary...
60	9-5	The Trial for Murder
61	9-6	I was not very comfortable that night...
62	9-7	At table, and generally when we were...
63	10-1	The Haunted House
64	10-2	Besides that there is something awful...
65	10-3	One of these bells was labelled...
66	10-4	I repeat; the contagion of suspicion...
67	10-5	Some of these ideas I really believe our...
68	10-6	The Ghost in Master B's Room
69	10-7	Now, Miss Pipson, having curly light hair...
70	11-1	Under these circumstances, we were...
71	11-2	Mr. Testator's Visitation
72	11-3	A Child's Dream of a Star
73	11-4	Well-Authenticated Rappings



10:08	74	11-5	Question: 'Do I know your name?'	10:23
9:15	75	11-6	Four Ghost Stories. The First Story	10:40
10:04	76	11-7	The Second Story	2:59
8:13	77	11-8	The Third Story	4:31
11:03	78	11-9	The Fourth Story	5:59
11:11	79	11-10	Next morning the countess awoke...	4:10
11:51	80	12-1	'I had a long and weary journey...'	4:52
9:57	81	12-2	The Portrait-Painter's Story	9:05
10:33	82	12-3	The next few minutes were occupied...	9:31
11:55	83	12-4	The evening being by this time...	9:06
6:53	84	12-5	The train arrived punctually, and I got out...	7:54
11:20	85	12-6	After a while she continued...	8:25
12:36	86	12-7	The Baron of Grogzwig	8:06
9:27	87	12-8	'"My dear," said the baroness.'	8:25
8:41	88	12-9	'"Halloa!" said the baron, stamping...'	8:00
10:59	89	13-1	The Queer Chair	10:58
10:18	90	13-2	All these things passed rapidly...	12:59
9:39	91	13-3	As the old gentleman solemnly uttered...	9:37
9:25	92	13-4	A Madman's Manuscript	13:29
9:18	93	13-5	'Doctors were called in – great men...'	10:45
8:57	94	13-6	The Lawyer and the Ghost	6:58
9:04	95	14-1	The Goblins who Stole a Sexton	8:57
9:09	96	14-2	'What have you got in that bottle?'	10:02
13:02	97	14-3	Slowly and peacefully, the father sank...	9:01
11:30	98	14-4	The Ghosts of the Mail	9:11
5:07	99	14-5	A few oil lamps were scattered...	9:01
9:51	100	14-6	'Hallo!' said my uncle, falling back a step...	8:18
9:11	101	14-7	This answered better; it whiled away...	9:15
10:15	102	14-8	'As you may guess from what you have...'	7:46

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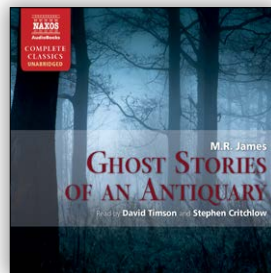
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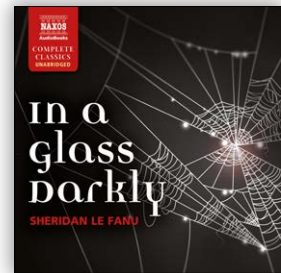
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