

OLIVER TWIST

Oliver Twist is a social novel written by Charles Dickens. Once again the author focuses on the evils of the industrial society. It is the story of a young orphan, Oliver, and his attempts to survive in a society that refused illegitimate children and didn't take care of poor people.

Oliver is born in a workhouse in a small town nearby London in early 1800s. His mother dies after his birth and he is sent to a parish orphanage until he is 8 years old. At this point, his tutors decide it's time for him to start working and they send him back to the workhouse. One day he meets the Artful Dodger,

who buys him lunch and offers to introduce him to a "gentleman" in London who will give him a place to stay.

The "gentleman" is called Fagin and he runs a school for pickpockets, but Oliver is not a successful student: he is caught on his first attempt at theft. Mr. Brownlow, the victim, is stricken by the unhealthy appearance of Oliver so rather than charging him with theft, he takes him home and takes care for him. Oliver was very happy in the Brownlow's home, but a mysterious man named Monks wants Fagin to recapture Oliver. Fagin sends a thief to kidnap Oliver. Then Fagin sends Oliver with Sikes to rob a house. Again, Oliver has to face numerous adventures but in the end he is adopted by the Brownlow's and lives happily ever after.

1. Who is the protagonist of the novel?

The protagonist is an orphan, his name is Oliver Twist

2. Where is the novel set?

The novel is set in a place nearby London

3. Does he feel happy in the workhouse where he lives?

No, he is not happy

4. What happens to Oliver?

Oliver is sent to work

5. How does the novel end?

He is adopted by a gentlemen and he is finally happy

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