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Uncovering the Real Dickens

Presented by *Peter Ackroyd*, the author of best-selling biographies including *Dickens* and *London*, this innovative mix of documentary and dramatic reconstruction, directed by *Chris Granlund*, vividly recreates the author's extraordinary life and resembles the plot of one of his own novels.

Anton Lesser stars as the novelist; *Prunella Scales* and *Timothy West* play his parents; *Miriam Margolyes* is Catherine Dickens, his wife; and *Natasha Little* takes on the part of Ellen 'Nelly' Ternan, the 19-year-old actress with whom Dickens fell in love when he was 48.

- Part 1: *Secrets*
- Part 2: *Blazing Away*
- Part 3: *Terror to the End*

This lavish literary production sets out to blur the lines between Dickens' fiction and his actual life; between drama and biography. (176 mins)

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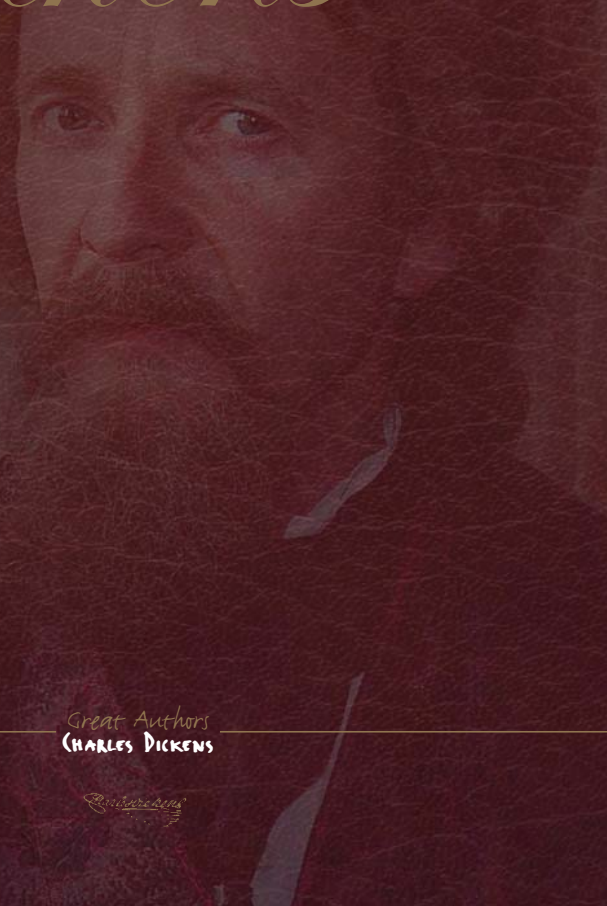
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David Copperfield

The complete 4-part classic 1999 BBC adaptation, directed by *Simon Curtis*, starring *Daniel Radcliffe*, *Bob Hoskins*, *Maggie Smith*, *Ian McKellen*, *Zoë Wanamaker*, *Ciarán McMenamin*, *Trevor Eve* and *Nicholas Lyndhurst*.

Like a fine gourmet meal, this adaptation of *David Copperfield* has something to suit every taste: a well-paced screenplay that keeps the tale bowling along, without losing the delights of some of Dickens' most sparkling dialogue; a rich gallery of characters; and a cast which features many of Britain's favourite actors.

Ciarán McMenamin is the mature David, his youthful face increasingly clouded by the gathering of experience. Trevor Eve oozes evil as his stepfather Mr. Murdstone, ultimately neutralised by Maggie Smith's Aunt Betsey, whose comic performance of true genius gives frequent flashes of the vulnerable human being beneath.

In other inspired pieces of casting, Nicholas Lyndhurst's incubus-like Uriah Heep haunts every scene he's in, and Pauline Quirke's Peggotty exudes the motherly warmth that sustains David during his darkest moments. Three hours of classic BBC drama heaven. (186 mins)

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a Christmas Carol

At Dickens' house, a group of his friends and relatives attend a private performance by the master story-teller of his great Christmas tale.

Anton Lesser, as Dickens, brings this classic ghost story to life in a dramatic and moving way, proving that story-telling triggers the imagination and can still make the most spellbinding entertainment for people of all ages.

Directed by **Geraldine Dowd**. (90 mins)

Songs from Grope Lane

The 12-year-old Dickens escapes his miserable daily life and the blacking factory to enjoy a brief spell of raucous tavern entertainment. **Lucy Skeaping** and her ensemble perform deliciously seedy pub songs from London in the mid-19th century with great enthusiasm, before an eager audience - a scene which could have come straight out of one of Dickens' novels.

Directed by **Chris Granlund**. (25 mins)

The making of 'Uncovering the Real Dickens'

A surprising look behind the scenes of this evocative production.

Directed by **Robin Dashwood & Ben Lawrie**. (27 mins)

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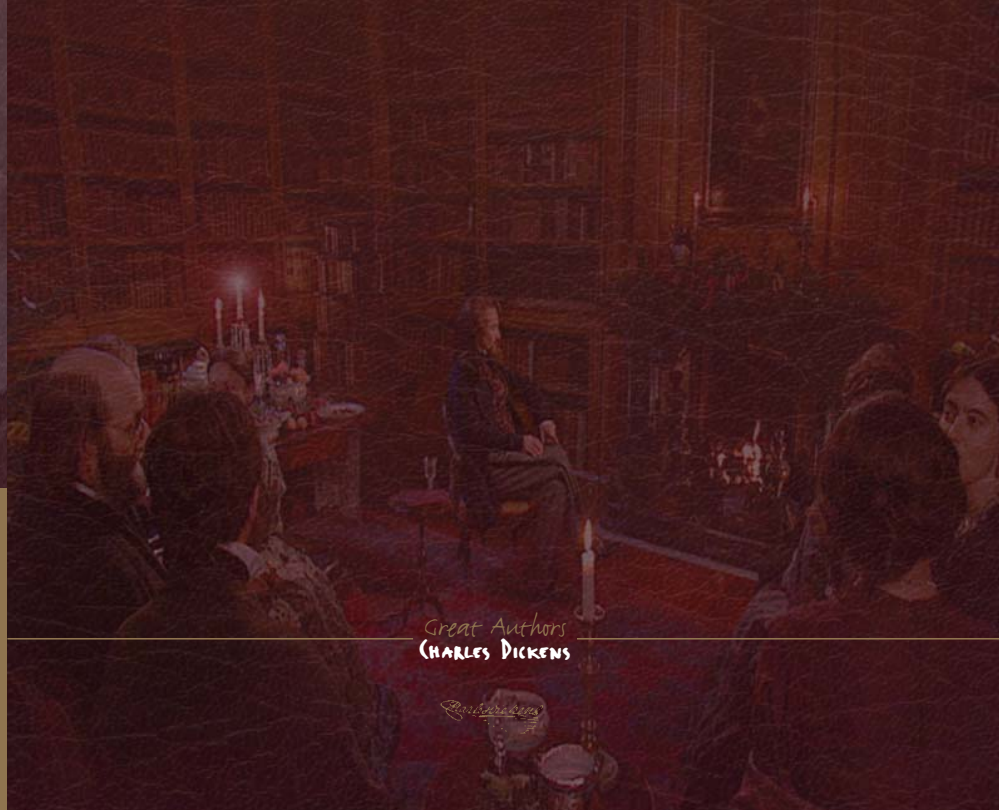
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