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Charles Dickens was a major contributor to the Victorian romantic revival of Christmas traditions. With their heart, humour and good morals, Dickens's Christmas stories have made the author's name synonymous with the season. Here we present four charming novellas to complete his series that began with *A Christmas Carol*, with echoes of sleigh bells throughout.

The stories include *The Chimes*, *The Cricket on the Hearth*, *The Battle of Life* and *The Haunted Man*.



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		The Chimes					
1	1-1		8:25	25	4-1	'There! There's the teapot, ready on the hob!'	7:09
2	1-2	But, windy weather, in spite of its using him...	9:11	26	4-2	'You never mean to say,' pursued Dot...	8:15
3	1-3	The reflection reminded him of that other...	8:59	27	4-3	'Hark! He's called for, sure enough,' said John.	9:49
4	1-4	Since his discovery of the contents of the basket...	10:15	28	4-4	He didn't look much like a bridegroom...	7:40
5	1-5	Two other gentlemen had come out with him.	9:47	29	4-5	They were all about her in a moment.	10:02
6	1-6	Toby might or might not have been able to...	9:45	30	4-6	Chapter II – Chirp the Second	11:13
7	1-7	Chapter II – Second Quarter	10:53	31	4-7	How different the picture in her mind...	11:42
8	1-8	Toby listened with great gravity...	10:19	32	4-8	He stopped; for Bertha had drawn closer...	11:02
9	2-1	Sir Joseph still repeating 'Take the letter...!'	9:01	33	5-1	The packages and parcels for the errand cart...	7:42
10	2-2	He sunk his voice so low, and gazed upon her...	8:27	34	5-2	Caleb sat next his daughter...	7:40
11	2-3	'Now, I'll tell you what,' said Trotty after tea.	11:26	35	5-3	There were two persons present...	10:34
12	2-4	Chapter III – Third Quarter	10:06	36	5-4	To change the theme, Dot did a little...	11:26
13	2-5	'The voice of Time,' said the Phantom...	8:22	37	5-5	Chapter III – Chirp the Third	09:46
14	2-6	The tower opened at his feet.	8:03	38	5-6	And while the Carrier, with his head...	10:22
15	2-7	But, there was more than this to happen.	9:45	39	5-7	When they entered the kitchen...	09:40
16	2-8	The ragged visitor – for he was miserably...	12:15	40	5-8	The Carrier set his grip upon the collar...	10:28
17	3-1	He held out in his hand a little purse...	7:31	41	6-1	'Bertha, my dear!' said Caleb...	8:34
18	3-2	Chapter IV – Fourth Quarter	10:00	42	6-2	Dot's whole attention had been concentrated...	10:40
19	3-3	Looking by turns at Tugby and his wife...	10:33	43	6-3	She saw that he was coming; and stopped him...	10:09
20	3-4	It was over. It was over.	9:48	44	6-4	And, by-the-by, a most unlooked-for incident...	6:18
21	3-5	She mingled with an abject crowd...	10:29	45	6-5	The Battle of Life	9:45
22	3-6	'And whatever you do, father,' said Meg...	9:48	46	6-6	At last the younger of the dancing sisters...	9:16
23	3-7	The Cricket on the Hearth	7:59	47	6-7	She was about thirty years old...	10:34
24	3-8	And here, if you like, the Cricket did chime in!	11:04	48	6-8	Although Alfred had not been breakfasting...	11:54

49	7-1	'But this is not our business, Alfred,'...	7:04	68	9-5	Such a staid matter-of-fact housewife she was...	9:44
50	7-2	If one might judge from his appearance...	9:10	69	9-6	It paused, and seemed to tempt and goad him...	11:04
51	7-3	Part the Second	9:43	70	9-7	But having stood before him...	09:18
52	7-4	The lawyer very likely knew his man...	11:30	71	9-8	Chapter II – The Gift Diffused	9:11
53	7-5	So they both stood at the stair-head...	10:30	72	10-1	Softening more and more...	10:24
54	7-6	Doctor Jeddler, in spite of his system...	7:58	73	10-2	Mrs Tetterby, without any remark...	11:25
55	7-7	At the same time, bringing her thought...	10:00	74	10-3	The good woman, quite carried away...	9:30
56	7-8	Sorrowing and wondering, Clemency turned...	11:30	75	10-4	He sat down on a chair near the door...	9:48
57	8-1	Now the music struck up, and the dance...	7:43	76	10-5	The student opened a frail door in the wall...	11:49
58	8-2	It was an old custom among them...	8:50	77	10-6	The creature lay in such a fiery heat...	11:55
59	8-3	Part the Third	11:34	78	10-7	He drew a little off, and in doing so...	11:29
60	8-4	Mr Britain heaved a sigh, and shook his head...	11:03	79	11-1	Redlaw could not reply by any word...	11:26
61	8-5	She raised her head as with a sudden attention...	12:23	80	11-2	Chapter III – The Gift Reversed	10:27
62	8-6	To-morrow was a bright and peaceful day...	12:22	81	11-3	It seemed to look down upon the boy in his sleep.	8:11
63	8-7	Her sister, bending over her, could only look...	13:54	82	11-4	A diversion arose here...	11:22
64	9-1	Poor Clemency, with her apron to her eyes...	5:09	83	11-5	Mr and Mrs Tetterby were not a bit...	9:23
65	9-2	The Haunted Man and the Ghost's Bargain	11:24	84	11-6	He saw the children throng about her...	7:17
66	9-3	'Who's that?' said he. 'Come in!'	11:37	85	11-7	The boy still held back at first...	9:55
67	9-4	Mr Swidger, in his polite desire...	10:25	86	11-8	In the few moments that elapsed...	9:14

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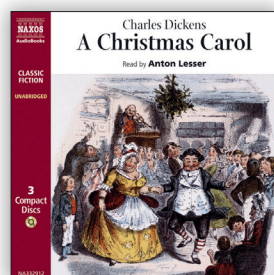
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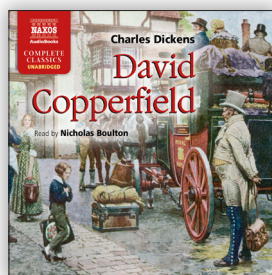
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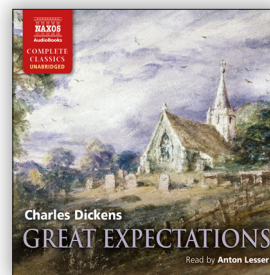
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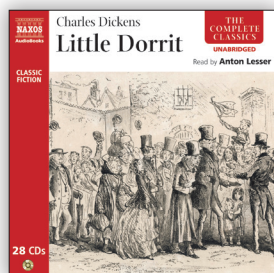
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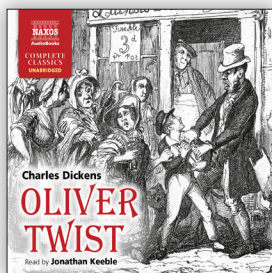
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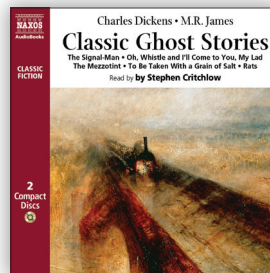
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