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The Signalman (from Mugby Junction, 1866)

A Madman's Manuscript (from the Pickwick Papers, 1837)

The Bagman's Story (from the Pickwick Papers, 1837)

The Story of the Goblins who Stole a Sexton (from the Pickwick Papers, 1837)

The Story of the Bagman's Uncle (from the Pickwick Papers, 1837)

The Baron of Grogzwig (from Nicholas Nickleby, 1839)

A Confession Found in a Prison in the Time of Charles the Second (from Master Humphrey's Clock, 1840)

To Be Read at Dusk (1852)

The Trial for Murder (1865)(with Charles Allston Collins)

A Child's Dream of a Star (1850)

Christmas Ghosts (from A Christmas Tree, 1850)

The Hanged Man's Bride (from The Lazy Tour of Two Idle Apprentices, 1857) (with Wilkie Collins)

Mr. Testator's Visitation (from The Uncommercial Traveller, 1860)

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Nadira says

I have always attempted to read Charles Dickens since childhood. I was gifted lovely editions of #GreatExpectations and #ATaleOfTwoCities. But not once did I manage to finish reading any of his books?. Sadly, the same happened with this one as well, despite how reasonably short it was!? Charles Dickens is just not for me. Lol. ? The writing style is simply beyond my capacity to grasp without yawning away. I loved his Great Expectations years back (but only coz I read an adapted version of the book).

Needless to say, I can't give it a proper review or rating as it was a DNF for me, but the plots are intriguing. Yep, I checked it all out later on Google coz even I gotta admit the story inside these classics r good? I'm sure you spook-lovers will enjoy these haunting reads.?Check it out.

Jade says

A slightly odd story, but well written, following a man who visits a troubled signalman who thinks that a ghost is trying to warn him of railway accidents. The beginning was muddled and hard to follow, making somewhat sense at the end. I felt I could have probably understood more if I'd read again, but I couldn't be bothered.

Richard says

A classic ghost story, a short story about unexplained events no-one else can see or understand, apart from The Signalman who is troubled by impending horror.

All the qualities of Dickens save for the extravagance of names.

Well written of course and clear descriptions give the story a life and atmosphere of its own.

It is left to the reader to piece things together and its up to you if you want to read it; it isn't a chore but a delight and perhaps may encourage the re-reading of many a Dickens tale.

Bettie? says

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Vicki says

The telling of this ghost story and others was so rich with emotion. The poor watchman has been seeing spectors and he is unable to realize what the spector is warning him about. He is a haunted man that feels

helpless to prevent the dangers that the ghost is warning.

Dickens can build suspense and a haunting like no ones business. He brings the chilling story to life with his descriptions.

Hearing it as an audiobook was a joy. I am glad I chose to read the book this way.

Pamela says

El final bueno pero no muy comprensible...

Wendy says

First, if you haven't experienced this kind of "enhanced" audiobook before, you're in for a treat. John Sessions's excellent narration is supplemented with specially composed music and sound effects. It's very nicely done - the sound design adds to the atmosphere, but never overpowers the reader's performance.

While this is part of Textbook Stuff's Horror range, the stories tend more towards the atmospheric and suspenseful than the bloodcurdlingly terrifying. The stories are a pretty varied bunch in tone. "The Signalman" is a classic, creepy, ghost story. "The Story of the Goblins Who Stole the Sexton" is kind of a dress rehearsal for *A Christmas Carol*, in which some goblins teach a grumpy old sexton a lesson about enjoying life by showing him some visions (and giving him a good kicking). "To Be Read at Dusk" is an odd tale, narrated by a man who is listening to some couriers swap tales of uncanny things that they have experienced, and then has something uncanny happen to him. It ends a bit suddenly, but is still a rather fun story. "A Confession Found in a Prison in the Time of Charles II" is an almost Lovecraftian tale of murder and obsession. "The Lawyer and the Ghost", which wraps up the collection, is a funny little story, almost an extended lawyer joke.

Very entertaining listening, especially at dusk.

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Holland says

The Signalman is the best Dickens Ive read... Short little spooky tale- a classic!

Robert Hendry says

I love Dickens but this one has been a slog for me. My weakness is that I generally finish every book I start, even the bad ones. Maybe one good story, the rest just not very engaging to me.

Rick says

No Christmas is complete without a good ghost story. The Signalman is one of the best.

Becky Loader says

Want to read a classic ghost story written by a master? Read "The Signalman"!

The fog rolls, damp air leaves the atmosphere spooky, figures disappear, sounds echo, and a mysterious tunnel stands in the background. The railroad Signalman and his visitor experience a ghostly presence. Or do they?

Thanks, Anne Nelson Sand. ;-)

Susan Wight says

The Signalman is a fine story, the others are not so good with The Trial for Murder and the Hanged Man's Bride the pick of them.

JackieB says

I mostly enjoyed these stories and I thought they were a good mixture of creepy, humourous and sometimes just plain strange. There was one I just didn't understand and another that seemed to take a long time to get to the point, but overall i enjoyed them.

Kaethe says

Dickens wrote many ghost stories, most of them way creepier than A Christmas Carol.
