

A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens

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Set on Christmas Eve in the 1800s, it is the classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, an old, wealthy, and sour man, and his path of change through various ghosts who visit him in the night. The difference in attitude in Scrooge is visible, from the morning of Christmas Eve to Christmas morning, where he awakes a happy man, giving to the poor, helping others, and generally spreading cheer.

I had the pleasure of reading a book with both the story and a copy of the manuscript in Dickens's writing inside, so seeing his chicken scratch writing copied word for word was something I was thankful for, instead of a retelling. Readers will be glad to know that the only added portion to the tale was between the reformed Scrooge and lovable Tiny Tim, where they established a strong bond after the events of the ghosts. Though it is a tale most know, reading the original piece of literature is an experience I would recommend to most people. It is a short tale, in reality, and is suitable for all ages.

Recommended Titles

Miracle on 34th Street by Valentine Davies

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens