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Oliver Twist - Charles Dickens

About the book

: Oliver Twist was first published as a serial from 1837 to 1839. It features many social issues such as poverty and child labor. It has been adapted for many films, musicals, plays, and animated movies.

About the author

: Charles Dickens was a British writer who penned beloved classics such as 'A Christmas Carol,' 'David Copperfield,' 'A Tale of Two Cities,' and 'Great Expectations.'

At that time, London's population exploded with the Industrial Revolution. He wrote about many social problems through ordinary people he witnessed on the streets of London.

Summary

: Oliver Twist is a poor boy who lost his mother during birth. He grows up in an orphanage, but people there don't care about the children and steal money from it. One day Oliver asks for more porridge because he is really hungry, but gets beat up in return. Oliver works as a chimneysweep, and later works for a mortician. They treated him so badly that Oliver runs away to London. He meets a young man named Dodger and Dodger takes him to Fagin, an old Jew who trains kids to be pickpockets.

Vocabulary

handkerchief	손수건
pat	토닥이다, 쓰다듬다
lad (old-fashioned)	젊은이, 청년
shilling	옛 영국 동전의 단위(실링)
have to do with	~와 관련이 있다
Jew	유태인
senior	선배, 나이든 사람
be involved in	~에 관여하다, 참여하다

[Read It Yourself]

"Is my handkerchief hanging out of my pocket, my dear?" said the Jew, stopping short.

'Yes, sir,' said Oliver.

'See if you can take it out, without my feeling it; as you saw them do, when we were at play this morning.'

Oliver held up the bottom of the pocket with one hand, as he had seen the Dodger hold it, and drew the handkerchief lightly out of it with the other.

'Is it gone?' cried the Jew.

'Here it is, sir,' said Oliver, showing it in his hand.



'You're a clever boy, my dear,' said the playful old gentleman, patting Oliver on the head approvingly. 'I never saw a sharper lad. Here's a shilling for you. If you go on, in this way, you'll be the greatest man of the time. And now come here, and I'll show you how to take the marks out of the handkerchiefs.'

Oliver wondered what picking the old gentleman's pocket in play, had to do with his chances of being a great man. But, thinking that the Jew, being so much his senior, must know best, he followed him quietly to the table, and was soon deeply involved in his new study.

Quest

: Dickens tried to show the life of poor children through Oliver Twist. How do orphans live in Korea? Are they being treated better than Oliver was? Find out what their life is like.