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Von Charles Dickens : The Old Curiosity Shop: By Charles Dickens : Illustrated (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Old Curiosity Shop: By Charles Dickens : Illustrated (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Funny and complexVon J. BrownellThis book is wonderful, I think. It is funny at many instances, but I suppose that is all in how one takes it. For example, I don't think of how cruel and sick minded Quilp is when he does the terrible things he does, I think of how funny it is! Of course, this is not like most books, after all, its Dickens. Most people can not tolerate a book where the whole of the plot is explained within the first three chapters! Some people say that some characters exist simply to take up space. Actually all of the characters are part of some complex plot in which everyone, in some way or another, seems to be out to get the old man and possess little Nell in some way. That seems rather strange for me, for I don't see the extreme attraction of this character, Nell..She seems to be quite the little....well...fool. But, other than that, the book is hilarious

KurzbeschreibungThe Old Curiosity Shop by Charles DickensHow is this book unique?Tablet and e-reader formattedOriginal Unabridged EditionAuthor Biography includedIllustrated versionThe Old Curiosity Shop is a novel by Charles Dickens. The plot follows the life of Nell Trent and her grandfather, both residents of The Old Curiosity Shop in London. The Old Curiosity Shop was one of two novels (the other being Barnaby Rudge) which Dickens published along with short stories in his weekly serial Master Humphrey's Clock, which lasted from 1840 to 1841. It was so popular that New York readers stormed the wharf when the ship bearing the final instalment arrived in 1841. The Old Curiosity Shop was printed in book form in 1841. Queen Victoria read the novel in 1841, finding it "very interesting and cleverly written."deThe sound of Little Nell clattering hurriedly over cobblestones immediately sets the stage by bringing to mind the narrow and dangerous streets of Victorian London. No fewer than 20 performers are called upon to conjure up the Dickensian world of wanderers, ne'er-do-wells, con artists, and kind Samaritans--and each performance is excellent. Tom Courtenay plays the sadistic Quilp, "the ugliest dwarf that could be seen anywhere for a penny" with magnificent sarcastic glee, and Teresa Gallagher's silvery, childlike voice is ideally suited for the role of the angelic Little Nell. Nell is on her way home to the dusty shop where she and her grandfather live a rather mysterious life. The old man disappears every night--visiting gambling dens with the naive hope of winning a fortune. Instead he sinks deeper and deeper into debt. Enter Daniel Quilp, moneylender, who becomes furious upon learning that the grandfather is a pauper and will never be able to repay his tremendous debt. Quilp seizes the curiosity shop and begins making lecherous overtures to Nell, so she and her grandfather steal away one morning to seek their fortunes elsewhere. But the demonic dwarf is never far behind. Sound effects are employed judiciously and serve mainly as a springboard for the listener's imagination. The sound of a crying baby is enough to convey the image of crowded lodgings and genteel Victorian poverty, while raucous laughter and high-pitched squawks evoke the barely controlled chaos of an outdoor Punch and Judy show. The dramatization pares Dickens's weighty novel down to two and one-half hours, but does so skillfully, retaining Dickens's wit, marvelous dialogue, and delightful characterizations. (Running time: 155 minutes, 2 cassettes) --Elizabeth LaskeyFrom School Library JournalGrade 7-12-Dickens story of contrasts: youth and old age, beauty and deformity, freedom and restraint.Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.