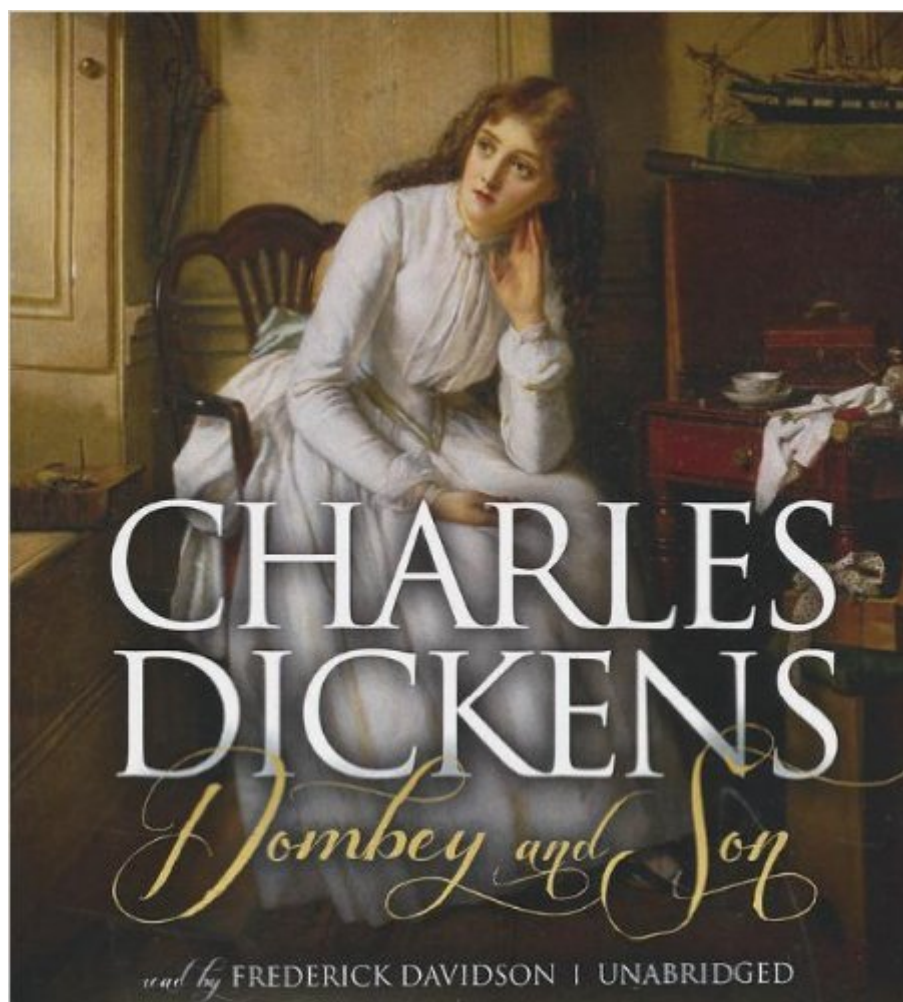


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Dombey And Son



Synopsis

Winner of the AudioFile Earphones Award (On Oprah's Summer Reading List 2010) [Read by Frederick Davidson] Paul Dombey is a wealthy shipping merchant and formidable patriarch who runs his family with the same cold calculation he applies to his business. Evaluating his children's worth by what he thinks they can add to his bottom line, he dotes on the son he hopes to make his heir, while neglecting his affectionate elder daughter. But through his pride and selfishness, Dombey is sowing the seeds of his own destruction. Once his heart is broken, can it finally be redeemed? A sensitive family drama infused with social and moral commentary, *Dombey and Son* combines grim psychological realism with Dickens' faith in the redemptive power of love.

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This book may never become as popular as "Oliver Twist," "A Christmas carol," "David Copperfield," or "A Tale of Two Cities." But it really is a phenomenal book. Some critics feel that this book reflects careful planning and organization as opposed to typical Dickens improvisation. Onto the text. Paul Dombey becomes the happy father of Paul Dombey Jr. (But in a double edged scene) Paul Sr. becomes a widower. Paul Sr. has a daughter named Florence, but he doesn't really know what to think of her. Paul has high hopes for his son, but Paul Jr. knows that he is not well. Well, we later meet Waler's uncle Solomon Gills. Solomon is concerned that his business is not doing so well. We also meet the eccentric, but heroic Captain Cuttle. After a tragic dream that foreshadows his death, Paul Jr. dies. Well, to Solomon Gill's sadness, Walter goes off to the West Indies. At this point, Dickens prepares the evil of Paul Dombey's assistant Carker. Trying to move on with his life,

Dombey marries Edith. But while Edith likes Florence, her feelings for Dombey are not there. Well, Solomon Gills disappears, and Captain Cuttle goes on his mission to find Solomon and Walter. Dickens gives us a hint of Carker's evil when he is happy about Walter's disappearing. Basically, Carker delights in the misery of others, while at the same time manipulating their lives. Later, Carker makes advances on Edith which causes more tension. Not surprisingly, the marriage between Dombey and Edith shatters. Due to Dombey's rages, Florence runs off with Captain Cuttle. This is where the terror reaches maximum levels. Dombey (with some justification) blames Carker for everything that has happened to him.

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