

# 《MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT ( ISBN=9780679438847 ) 》

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Old Martin Chuzzlewit has a great fortune, but to whom can he leave it? He and his likable grandson, young Martin, have fallen out. Beyond that, a tangle of sly, grasping relatives coil about him. Throughout, the reader is rooting for the gentle Tom Pinch and his lovely sister, Mary. But before all can be decided, Dickens puts both Tom and young Martin through murder, mayhem and a brief purgatory in the United States. Reader Davidson quickly tunes into Dickens's ferocious irony, but his paramount strength is his uncanny ability to find and maintain the perfect voice for each of the vintage characters: drippy, insinuous, vicious, sly, bold American backwoods, or London Cheapside. Each is a distinct creation! Dickens lovers will treasure every tape in this two-volume masterpiece. P.E.F. An AUDIOFILE Earphones Award winner. (c)AudioFile, Portland, Maine --This text refers to the [Audio Cassette](#) edition.

### Review

Martin Chuzzlewit is a dramatic serial on Masterpiece Theatre, a PBS television series presented by WGBH-TV, Boston, made possible by a grant from Mobil Corporation. --This text refers to the [Hardcover](#) edition.

## 内容简介

(Book Jacket Status: Not Jacketed) At The Center of MartinChuzzlewit -- the novel Angus Wilson called "one of the mostsheerly exciting of all Dickens stories" -- is Martin himself, veryold, very rich, very much on his guard. What he suspects (with goodreason) is that every one of Iris close and distant relations. nowconverging in droves on the country inn where they believe he isdying, will stop at nothing to become the inheritor of Iris greatfortune. Having unjustly disinherited Iris grandson, young Martin,the old fellow now trusts no one but Mary Graham, the pretty girlhired as Iris companion. Though she has been made to understand shewill not inherit a penny, she remains old Chuzzlewit's only ally.As the viperish relations and hangers-on close in on him, we meetsome of Dickens's most marvelous characters -- among them Mr.Pecksniff (whose name has entered the language as a synonym forultimate hypocrisy and self-importance); the fabulously evil JonasChuzzlewit; the strutting reptile Tigg Montague; and theridiculous, terrible, comical Sairey Gamp. Reluctantly heading forAmerica in search of opportunity, the penniless young Martin

goes west, rides a riverboat, and is overtaken by bad company and mortal danger -- while the battle for his grandfather's gold reveals new depths of family treachery, cunning, and ruthlessness. And in scene after wonderful scene of conflict and suspense, of high excitement and fierce and hilarious satire, Dickens's huge saga of greed versus decency comes to its magnificent climax.

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## 作者简介

Charles Dickens (1812-1870), despite an impoverished childhood and little formal education, achieved lasting artistic and popular success with the novels *Oliver Twist*, *David Copperfield*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, and *Great Expectations*, all of which were originally published in serial form. Patricia Ingham is a Fellow of St. Anne's College, Reader in English, and The Times Lecturer in English Language at Oxford University.

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