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Charles Dickens' Christmas Collection: A Radio Dramatization Including A Christmas Carol, A Holiday Sampler, And The Chimes



Synopsis

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol The Colonial Radio Theatre pulls out all the stops in this magnificent production of the Charles Dickens classic Christmas story! This full cast dramatization features a powerful music score – from the magnificent, booming opening of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," to the frightening tones of the Ghost of Christmas Future. This Colonial Radio Theatre production has been broadcast yearly since 2005 on Sirius/XM Radio. A holiday treat both you and your family will enjoy for years to come. A Charles Dickens Holiday Sampler "The Cricket on The Hearth" was first published in 1845. A cricket constantly chirps on the hearth and acts as a guardian angel to the Peerybingle family. The arrival of a mysterious stranger threatens to shatter this harmony. Does the cricket have supernatural powers? Does he restore faith and overcome suspicion? A masterful story of love and loyalty, The Cricket on The Hearth is effused with the spirit of the season. "The Seven Poor Travellers" was first published in 1854. On Christmas Eve, a traveling gentleman happens upon a house in a quaint little village, which houses up to six travelers each evening. He decides to treat them all to a Christmas dinner and tells them a story around the fireplace about a soldier who finds the true meaning of forgiveness and redemption. A sparkling holiday gem from the great Charles Dickens.

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Customer Reviews

British novelist Charles Dickens was born on February 7, 1812, in Portsmouth, England. Over the course of his writing career, he wrote the beloved classic novels – Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol, Nicholas Nickleby, David Copperfield, A Tale of Two Cities and Great

Expectations. On June 9, 1870, Dickens died of a stroke in Kent, England, leaving his final novel, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, unfinished. Jerry Robbins, co-founder of the Colonial Radio Theatre on the Air has written and produced over 350 radio plays, including *Ticonderoga*, *Captain Blood*, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, *Gettysburg*, *Treasure Island*, *Yankee Clipper*, *Powder River*, and *Little Big Horn*. In 2006 he started a collaboration with legendary author Ray Bradbury, producing *Dandelion Wine*, followed by *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, and wrote the script for, and produced *The Halloween Tree*; all award winning productions that garnered high praise from the master himself. He is currently working on a fourth collaboration with Mr. Bradbury, a radio dramatization of *The Martian Chronicles*.

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These radio recordings are very enjoyable adaptations of several Charles Dickens Christmas stories, however it is very misleading to have the listing describe these as unabridged. It would be more accurate to state that these are the complete radio broadcast recordings, which I assume they are. The stories are most certainly abridged. For instance, if you are a fan of Scrooge's nephew Fred, you will be very disappointed. He appears only in his visit to Scrooge's office on Christmas Eve; there is no visit by Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present to Fred's home. The edit was most likely made so that the broadcast fit into the permitted air time, but it is a significant abridgement. Similarly, key story elements from *The Cricket on the Hearth* are missing. I did buy the unabridged audiobook to get more story information! The recordings themselves are entertaining as I said. The voice actors are skilled and bring the stories to life. I enjoyed adding these recordings to my holiday listening. I just wanted to warn that the recordings are dramatizations of the stories and are most certainly abridged.

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