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Considered by many to be Dickens' masterpiece, Great Expectations, completed in 1861, tells the engrossing story of Pip, a boy whose surprising journey to adulthood is mapped by the unseen hand of an escaped convict he helps one fateful and terrifying night. Hard Times, written seven years earlier, is a gripping novel of childhood, family life, and the evils of industrialization. This Nonesuch edition features the author's final texts and all of the illustrations Dickens himself selected to complement his words.

Great Expectations & Hard Times Details

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Willis says

well I read this.

Adam Singletary says

Moral of the story: People are going to slight you, and to reject that slight you have to find a way to let the hurt of it go.

Debbie says

I loved this story.

Stephanie D. says

Great Expectations is a fictional book about a boy named Pip, really Phillip, and his life growing up. He goes through many unexpected trials such as his sister dying, invitations to a rich, unmarried, crazy lady's house to play with her adopted daughter Estella, and sudden meetings with escaped convicts. Eventually he gets over a few broken hearts and makes some friends only to be greatly shocked again. If you enjoy adventure with romance, this Charles Dickens book is an excellent reading choice for those categories and I highly recommend it.

Louis says

This is a beautiful hardcover reprint of the 1937 Nonesuch version. Really worth the expense for my all-time favorite book.

Sam says

Both books excellent. Dickens truly was a great writer and his novels are timeless with wonderful characters.

Rebecca says

This was a wonderful book. It is called a classic for a good reason. I hope to read more Dickens this year.

Pamela says

I didn't really read this book but am using it for the number as the book I reader doesn't come up. The book I readied is call d Hard Choice by Allison Lee Davison. It was a great book and I really enjoyed it

Mark Stratton says

The very first Dickens I ever read. More than good enough to encourage further exploration of Dickens works. Would that Barnes & Noble would have put out the entire Dickens in these replica editions.

Kevin Willis says

Summary: On Christmas Eve of 1812, Pip, a boy age 17, encounters an escaped convict in the churchyard while visiting his mother and father's graves. The convict scares Pip into stealing food for him and files to grind away his leg shackles. Pip returns home where he lives with Mrs. Joe, his older sister her husband Joe Gargery. Pip steals some food from the pantry and drinks to take to the convict early that morning. This is an important event in the book because the convict will never forget the kindness that Pip showed to him, even though he force Pip into doing this act.

While they were at the house for the Christmas feast, which include the minister, Mr. Wopsle, Mr. and Mrs. Hubble, and Uncle Pumblechook, Pip and Mrs. Joe Moderately wealthy uncle. When Pip notice that his Uncle Pumblechook had drank some brandy and spits it out, Pip wanted to get out of the house, but the police was blocking his way. They Joe to repair their handcuffs and invited Joe, Pip and Mr. Worse to come with them to hunt for some escaped prisoners from the local jail. They caught the two convict while engage in a fight. One of them is the convict that helped by Pip; however, when question about where he got the food and file, he claims he stole the items in order shield Pip. A while after Pip encounter with the convict, Pip's life returns back to normal. Pip's Uncle Pumplechook get Pip invited to a rich old woman house name Miss. Havisham who lives in the village in Sates House. Miss. Havisham is spinster who wears an old wedding dress with one shoe on and has all the house clocks stopped at 20 minutes to nine. This woman hasn't seen sunlight in years and claims to have a broken heart and just wanted see Pip play cards with Estella, a young girl she has adopted. Pip had harbor a feeling for Estella.

He learns everything he can from Biddy in school, in an effort to impress Estella who called him a common laboring boy. Pip work with Joe in the forge which he hated, but in return making an agreement to visit Miss. Havisham so that he can play with Estella, who he has grown to admired for and love down through the years. Pip has inherited a large sum of money from an anonymous benefactor. The condition was that he moves to London, buy some clothes and become a gentleman. This did not happen at that time, because Pip behavior had gotten worse and he was jealous of Estella and squanders his allowance, running into dept. Pip found out that Mr. Magwitch was his benefactor, who was the convict that Pip had an encounter with earlier in life. It is reveal that Magwitch was Estella's father and the daughter of Jigger's housemaid. Estella was given up for an adoption to Miss. Havisham; this was done in return for his services when he defended Molly

who was his housemaid for a murder charge. Estella did get married to a man name Drugged, which was an unhappy one.

Before Pip flees with Magwitch, he makes one last trip to see Miss. Havisham and she realizes that she had created a monster out of Estella, who broke Pip's heart, and asked him to forgive her. Then she stood up as they were talking and she caught her dress on fire and Pip manage to put the fire out on her dress, but later she died of her injuries. When Pip and some other friends attempted to help Magwitch to escape from prison, they got caught by the police and are sent to jail. Pip tried to Magwitch release, but he died before his execution. Pip meets Estella on the streets and found her abusive husband had died. She had gotten married second time to a doctor.

What I like about the story the most was when Pip was drawing closer to Estella and she constantly rejected him and then broke his heart. Pip did not have any anger toward Estella

Theme: The theme of this story was written in the first and uses languages and grammar that has fallen out of common use.

The main theme of Great Expectation is those of crime, social class, empire and ambition. Throughout the book, Pip becomes involved with all of them from criminal like Magwitch, to the extremely rich woman like Miss. Havisham

Mood: The story atmosphere was one with happiness and sadness

Protagonist: The main character was Pip

Antagonist: The characters was Compeyson, Dolge Orlick, and Bentley Drugged

Setting: The time was about the year of 1812 and place was in London

Conflict: There was an external conflict character vs. character.

Pip the main character vs. Estella.

Pip the main character vs. society.

Realini says

Great Expectations, based very loosely on the masterpiece by Charles Dickens

The 1946 adaptation for the big screen is still much better than this version, in spite of the reputable cast.

Ethan Hawke as Finnegan Bell, Gwyneth Paltrow in the role of Estella, Chris Cooper as Joe, Anne Bancroft in the role of Ms. Dinsmoor, Robert de Niro as the prisoner Lustig and the other good actors make an effort. Alas, the result is not satisfying.

In part, disappointment comes from...

Great Expectations

Positive Psychology suggests one rule of happiness, among many others, which recommends that:

You lower your expectations.

If one has in mind the original masterpiece, we can find it on the list of best novels ever written. It is on the Norwegian Book Club's list of The Top 100 Books of All Time, available on the Guardian site:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/200...>

Therefore, when considering that the original material is a chef d'oeuvre, viewers are entitled to anticipate a triumph.

Add to this the aforementioned stellar cast and you can walk into a cinema hall with dreamy eyes.

Only you would be better off staying at home and looking for the classic David Lean film, with John Mills.

In the Charles Dickens novel, a boy from a poor family saves a frightening fugitive who is later caught by the law.

Pip meets Estella and her protector, Miss Havisham, a rich woman that the hero thinks is responsible for his fortune.

An unknown benefactor pays for the ascension of the poor Pip, his transfer to London and consequent wellbeing.

Matters are more complicated with Estella, a girl that the resentful Havisham teaches to wound men.

Having been abandoned by a man, exactly on her wedding day, the old woman has a revenge to take. Estella would be the instrument.

If the structure has been maintained to a certain degree, many aspects have been changed in the new adaptation.

Pip becomes Finnegan Bell and a painter, who has some exciting, erotic scenes with the beautiful Estella.

Gwyneth Paltrow might know a thing or two about wellbeing, given her new position as CEO of...Goop. Late night show comedians have had a field day on the new company owned and controlled by Paltrow.

It is supposed to be offering advice, solutions and luxuriant means to suit any- extremely expensive- taste. You can go to Goop with

Great Expectations

However, as Bill Maher joked about this phantasmagoria, it makes people who watch Se7en enjoy the end...

When the head of Paltrow, spoiler alert, the hilarious Bill Maher adds, is presented in a box, one is glad... Alfonso Cuarón has had much better results:

Gravity, Y Tu Mama Tambien and for those who enjoy this kind of summer, teenage movie- Harry Potter

Alas, Great Expectations are not met in this modern, confusing at times take, with a horrifying Anne Bancroft, unconvincing Ethan Hawke, far from the days when he enchanted audiences with Before Sunset and Before Sunrise...

Brian says

I don't understand the high regard in which this book is held.
