



## CHARLES DICKENS

This comprehensive **3 DVD box set** explores the life, times and work of Charles Dickens, the great Victorian author. Dickens is undoubtedly one of the great literary geniuses of all time. Yet, there is much about Dickens' incredible life that remains unknown. His is a fascinating story; from rags to riches, complete with bankruptcy, prison, forced child labour and fame and fortune, overshadowed by guilt and secrecy. This DVD set demonstrates how much Dickens drew upon his own experiences in his fiction.

The cast includes Anton Lesser, Daniel Radcliffe (*Harry Potter*), Prunella Scales, Timothy West, Michael Elphick, Trevor Eve, Bob Hoskins, Maggie Smith, Nicholas Lyndhurst, Zoë Wanamaker and Ian McKellen (*Lord of the Rings*).

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 Sound format Dolby Surround\*, Dolby Stereo Subtitle languages DE/FR/ES/NL (PAL) ES (NTSC)  
 Menu language EN Dimensions (mm) W135 H190 D45 Price Code E  
 \*Songs from Grope Lane' only

### DVD 1

'UNCOVERING THE REAL DICKENS' Presented by Peter Ackroyd. An innovative mix of documentary and dramatic reconstruction vividly recreates the author's extraordinary life. (176 mins)

### DVD 2

'DAVID COPPERFIELD' The acclaimed 1999 BBC TV drama. *Three hours of classic drama heaven!*(186 mins)

### DVD 3

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' At Dickens' house a group of his friends and relatives attend a private performance of the classic Christmas story. An authentic dramatisation by Anton Lesser as the novelist. (97 mins)

'SONGS FROM GROPE LANE' The 12-year old Dickens escapes the miserable daily life in a brief spell of raucous tavern entertainment. Lucie Skeaping's ensemble perform deliciously seedy pub songs. (25 mins)

THE MAKING OF 'UNCOVERING THE REAL DICKENS' - a surprising look behind the scenes of this evocative production. (27 mins)

### REVIEWS

*"Anton Lesser made an emotionally charged, almost tremulous, Dickens, especially recreating the writer's inspirational public readings."* Paul Hoggart, The Times

*"I was thrilled... to see this 3 DVD collection of Dickensiana, produced by BBC... It is, quite simply, extraordinary. I cannot recommend this collection highly enough."* [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

*"Anton Lesser is the greatest Dickens interpreter around..."* The Independent

