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Charles Dickens
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We are proud to present this Special issue to celebrate the bicentenary of Charles Dickens' birth.



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Mint stamps
Charles Dickens

Design
Howard Brown

Stamp format/size
Portrait
27mm x 37mm

Printer
Cartor Security Printing

Print process
Lithography

Perforation
14 x 14

Phosphor
All over

Gum
PVA

Number per sheet
25/50

Acknowledgements
Mr Bumble, Mr Pickwick, The Marchioness, Mrs Gamp, Captain Cuttle and Mr Micawber illustrations from Character Sketches from Charles Dickens, c.1890 (colour litho), Joseph Clayton Clarke (Kyd) (fl. 1883–94)/ Private Collection/© Look and Learn/The Bridgeman Art Library.

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Celebrating a writer who always gave more

Born into near destitution in 1812, Charles Dickens' life could hardly have had a less auspicious start. Yet perhaps because of these early difficulties, Dickens went on to become not just one of the greatest novelists in history, but also a philanthropist and tireless campaigner for the poor.

Along the way he wrote some of the finest works in English literature, including Great Expectations and David Copperfield; peopling them with fantastic creations such as the bitter Miss Havisham and the impecunious Mr Micawber, who was based largely on Dickens' father. Originally published in monthly instalments, his novels were the soap operas of their day.



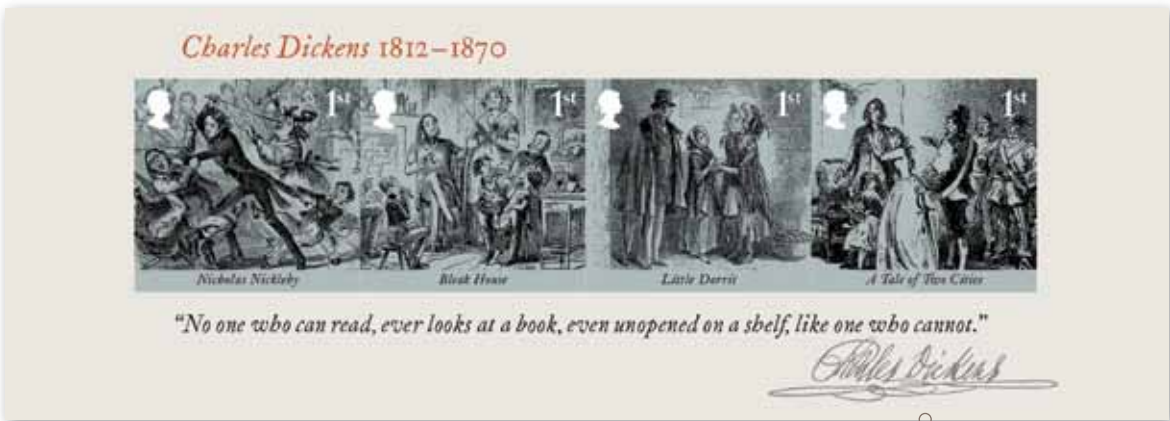
Mint Stamps

Price £5.92
Code AS819

Mutual friends
The Mint Stamps feature Mr Bumble, Mr Pickwick, The Marchioness, Mrs Gamp, Captain Cuttle and Mr Micawber; drawn in around 1890 by the artist Joseph Clayton Clark, also known as Kyd.

So it is with great pleasure that we are celebrating the bicentenary of the great man's birth with a Special issue featuring some of Dickens' best-known characters. This comprises six Special Stamps bearing sketches by the artist Kyd from around 1890 and four Miniature Sheet stamps featuring illustrations by Phiz, taken from the original novels.

As befits such an important issue, in addition to looking at Dickens' most beloved characters we have explored his life and works through a range of superb commemorative products. These include a fascinating Presentation Pack written by his great-great-great-granddaughter, Lucinda Dickens Hawksley.



Miniature Sheet

Price £2.40
Code MZ085

In his own words
The striking Miniature Sheet comprises four First Class stamps bearing illustrations by Hablot Knight Brown, aka Phiz, taken from the original publications. It also has a quote from Dickens in its border, together with his key dates and a facsimile of his signature.

Stamp Cards

Price £4.95
Code AQ185

Great Expectations
All ten Special Stamps plus the Miniature Sheet itself have been reproduced at postcard size, enabling these characterful illustrations to be enjoyed in full.



Miniature Sheet
Charles Dickens

Design
Howard Brown

Size of sheet
190mm x 67mm

Stamp format/size
Landscape
37mm x 35mm

Printer
Cartor Security Printing

Print process
Lithography

Perforation
14 x 14.5

Phosphor
All over

Gum
PVA

Number of stamps
4

Acknowledgements
Illustrations from Nicholas Nickleby by Charles Dickens (1812–70) published 1839 (litho), Hablot Knight Browne (Phiz) (1815–82)/Private Collection/Ken Welsh/The Bridgeman Art Library; illustrations by Hablot Knight Browne (Phiz) of scenes from Bleak House, Little Dorrit and A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens © www.CartoonStock.com; Charles Dickens quotation from Our Mutual Friend.

First Day Cover Stamps

Price Inland £7.58
Price Overseas £6.32
Code AF360

This evocative First Day Cover has the Special Stamps affixed and contains a filler card written by Lucinda Dickens Hawley. It can be cancelled with your choice of a Tallents House or Portsmouth postmark, the latter chosen as it was Dickens' birthplace.



First Day Cover Miniature Sheet

Price Inland £3.36
Price Overseas £2.80
Code MF086

With the Miniature Sheet affixed and containing a fascinating filler card, this distinctive cover will be cancelled with your choice of pictorial Tallents House or Portsmouth postmarks.



Buy now!

First Day Covers
 only available until

19 June

Don't miss out. This date cannot be extended.

Standard Royal Mail postmark



Alternative postmark



Presentation Pack

Price £8.85
Code AP363

The complete works
 Complete with all of the Special Stamps, the highly Dickensian Presentation Pack has been written by Lucinda Dickens Hawksley, who looks at her great-great-great-grandfather's life and works in detail.



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Coin Cover

Price £15.95
Code AN091

Profile of a genius
This superb Coin Cover has been created in collaboration with The Royal Mint. So in addition to the six Special Stamps, it carries the commemorative £2 coin. Struck to Brilliant Uncirculated standard, it features a striking profile of the great man that has been created using the titles of no less than 30 of his works.

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Charles Dickens	Code	Price	Quantity	Total
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	– Alternative postmark	AF360	£7.58	£
Overseas	– Tallents House postmark	AF360	£6.32	£
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First Day Cover — Miniature Sheet				
Inland	– Tallents House postmark	MF086	£3.36	£
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Overseas	– Tallents House postmark	MF086	£2.80	£
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Mint Stamps	AS819	£5.92	£
Miniature Sheet	MZ085	£2.40	£
Stamp Cards (11 in set)	AQ185	£4.95	£
Presentation Pack	AP363	£8.85	£
Coin Cover (Bulky handling fee applies)	AN091	£15.95	£
		Sub total	£
		Postage	£
		Total	£

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