



*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens  
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Stand Alone, Historical Fiction/Melodrama

### **Give a summary without spoilers!**

*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens tells the story of a young orphan named Pip. Looking at his parents' grave, he sees an escaped convict named Magwitch. The man threatens Pip to help him, and Pip obliges. Filled with guilt, he continues his life. He grows up with his sister Mrs. Joe, and her husband Joe. Pip builds a deep connection with Joe, and begins to be his apprentice. However, one day he gets invited to the beautiful manor of Miss Havisham, an old lady who tells Pip to play with her adopted daughter, Estella. Pip immediately falls in love, even though Estella is nothing but rude to him. As time goes on in the marshes, Pip visits Estella throughout his childhood, but one day he receives a note that he has an anonymous benefactor. Engulfed with happiness, Pip travels to the heart of London with great expectations of what he can become. But is being a gentleman all that it seems to be, and is this the last time we'll see old Magwitch?

### **What drew you to this book?**

I was drawn to this by several of the teachers at Mansfield High School. It is a very good book to read, and reading it earlier on is very beneficial. The protagonist Pip, is also very amusing and tells the story as a narration with his older self.

### **Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?**

This has reminded me of another popular Charles Dickens book, *A Christmas Carol*. Both books take place around the same time and highlight social classes of England.

### **To whom would you recommend this book?**

I would recommend someone with free time, and a love for mysteries. This book is of decent length, but is very interesting. The plot gets better as you read, and the mystery begins to reveal itself.

**Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?**

I very much enjoyed this book, and I would recommend it. This book is enjoyable, and shows Dickens' finest work.

**Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?**

I liked the overall reviews of this book, and it was recommended to me several times.