


Charles Dickens	<h2>No Thoroughfare</h2> <p>By Charles Dickens (1812-1870)</p> <p>Two boys from the Foundling Hospital are given the same name, with disastrous consequences in adulthood. Two associates, wishing to right the wrong, are commissioned to find a missing heir. Their quest takes them from fungus wine cellars in the City of London to the sunshine of the Mediterranean — across the Alps in winter. Danger and treachery would prevail were it not for the courage of the heroine and the faithful company servant.</p> <p>The story contains crafted descriptions, well-drawn and diverse characters, eerie and exotic backgrounds, mystery, semi-concealed identities, brinkmanship with death, romance, the eventual triumph of Good over Evil, and many other elements expected in classic Dickens.</p> <p>First published in 1867 there are thematic parallels with other books from Dickens' mature writings, including <i>Little Dorrit</i> (1857) and especially <i>Our Mutual Friend</i> (1865). The Listener will decide if this story yields insights into <i>The Mystery of Edwin Drood</i> (unfinished 1870).</p> <p>Wilkie Collins collaborated with Charles Dickens to produce this 'Christmas' book and the stage play of the same name. In the book, Collins assisted in Act 1 and Act 4; Collins scripted most of the stage play with Dickens' assistance. If this book were released today it would be splashed "THE BOOK OF THE FILM". (Summary by Alan Chant.)</p> <p>Read by Alan Chant. Total Running Time: 05:56:29.</p> <p>This recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed, or modified without permission. For more information or to volunteer, visit librivox.org.</p> <p>Cover illustration by <i>Albert Beirstadt</i> (d. 1902). Author picture taken from "Great Britain and Her Queen" by <i>Anne E. Keeling</i> (1897). Copyright expired in US, Canada, EU, and all countries with author's life +70 yrs laws. Cover design by Janette Brown. This design is in the public domain.</p>	No Thoroughfare
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