

Mr Dickens and his Christmas Carol by Samantha Silva

Mr Dickens and his Christmas Carol is a tale about the creation of his most famous book. It is a beautifully written story and the author's descriptive style had me in London on the dark foggy haunting streets.

The book starts with Dickens having a meeting with his publishers. They are pressurising him to write a Christmas story in a month to cover mounting debts after his last book was a flop. He grudgingly accepts and this is about his struggle to write the book and how the streets and characters of London inspired him. It has Dickens in the role of Scrooge himself and we discover with him the true meaning of Christmas.

A charming unique book and although fiction made you feel you knew Dickens himself a little better.

A great Xmas read.