



Charles John Huffam Dickens

1812-1870

A Christmas Carol In Prose

Being a Ghost Story of Christmas

“Marley was dead: to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that. The register of his burial was signed by the clergyman, the clerk, the undertaker, and the chief mourner. Scrooge signed it: and Scrooge’s name was good upon ‘Change, for anything he chose to put his hand to. Old Marley was as dead as a door-nail. Mind! I don’t mean to say that I know, of my own knowledge, what there is particularly dead about a door-nail. I might have been inclined, myself, to regard a coffin-nail as the deadest piece of ironmongery in the trade. But the wisdom of our ancestors is in the simile; and my unhal- lowed hands shall not disturb it, or the Country’s done for. You will therefore permit me to repeat, emphatically, that Marley was as dead as a door-nail.”

Charles Dickens began writing A Christmas Carol in October 1843 and completed it within six weeks. As the result of the disagreements with his publishers Chapman and Hall over the commercial failures of Martin Chuzzlewit Dickens arranged to pay for the publishing himself, in exchange for a percentage of the profits. Production was not without problems. The first printing of 500 books contained drab olive endpapers that Dickens felt were unacceptable, and the publisher quickly replaced them with yellow endpapers, but, once replaced, those clashed with the title page, which was then redone. The final product was bound in red cloth with gilt-edged pages, completed only two days before the publication date of 19 December 1843.



O = Omen/Ominous
 N = Nightmare/Wicked Dreams
 E = Evil/Wicked
 T = Treachery/Treacherous/Deceitful
 W = Witch/Witchcraft
 H = Hang/Hanging
 R = Ruin
 F = Fiend
 U = Ungodly/Godless
 I = Innocent/Innocence
 V = Vengeance/Revenge
 S = Superstition/Superstitious
 X = Excecute/Execution
 G = Gallows/Hangman's Rope

Lollipops

18 OFT SIN (First Letter)
 81 HUG IN VW (Middle Letter)
 108 NO T-REX (Last Letter)

F - #1 Fantom (Marleys Ghost)
 H - #3 Hell-bound Wretch
 G - #3 Glass (Scrooge in front of big window)
 D - #1 Dionysus (Jolly Giant with feast)
 E - #1 Emaciation (The boy and girl)
 I - #1 Incorporeal (Spirit points to Grave)
 B - #1 Bob (Drinking with Scrooge)

Silver - Window
 Silvery - Danger
 Hell Bound Wretch