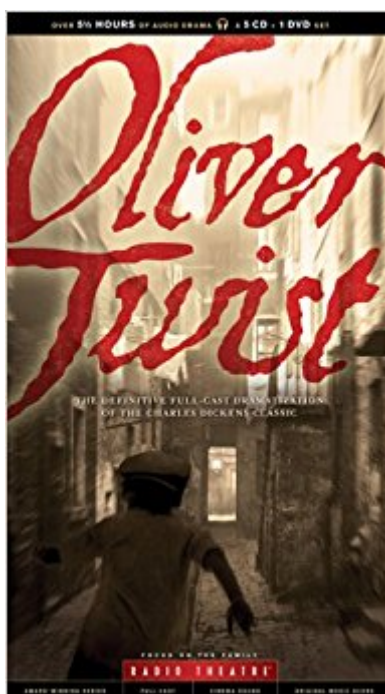


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Oliver Twist (Radio Theatre)



Synopsis

An audio drama of the highest quality, *Oliver Twist* was recorded on location in London with an award-winning cast. This classic story will steal your heart as the timeless characters are brought to life in Focus on the Family Radio Theatre's edition of Charles Dickens's beloved tale. This amazing audio production comes on five CDs, with a bonus DVD that includes behind-the-scenes production footage and the documentary *Modern Day Oliver*. Purchase of the product also benefits Focus's "Wait No More" adoption initiative. With cinema-quality sound and an original soundtrack, this audio drama tells the story of a young orphan sent from a child farm to begin life in a workhouse. After committing the unpardonable offense of asking for more food, Oliver is sent off to apprentice with a coffin-maker whose wife mistreats him. He runs away to London, where he meets the Artful Dodger and Fagin, who trains kids to be pickpockets. Despite his many trials and hardships, he finally gets his happy ending, bringing hope for redemption to all around him.

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Radio theater may be a lost or dying art, but don't tell the folks at Focus on the Family. They have produced some great programs over the years, including the long-running *Adventures in Odyssey* and the fantastic *Chronicles of Narnia* adaptation. They have outdone themselves with this new adaptation of Charles Dickens's classic *Oliver Twist*. With a wide-ranging, talented British cast, the voices are convincingly right out of 19th century London. The sound effects and music add dramatic tension and draw the story along. Although it's only about 5 1/2 hours long, this production captures

the essence of the book. I haven't done a line-by-line comparison, but my assumption is that much of the text and dialogue are Dickens's own words. By updating this classic tale, while remaining true to the source, the Focus on the Family team has provided a terrific springboard for some moral and spiritual lessons. In spite of great temptation and the threat of mistreatment, Oliver knows right from wrong and demonstrates the difficulty of making moral choices under duress. The characters remind us repeatedly that we are not imprisoned by our past, whether choices or circumstances, and the redemption is available. A radio or TV program is never a substitute for an original work of literature, but this audio program will enhance your family's enjoyment of Dickens's story. Some listeners might have a bit of difficulty with the accents and occasional archaic language, but most children will be drawn into Oliver's world. Thanks to Focus on the Family for this well-done, accessible production which beautifully captures the moral lessons and compelling story of Oliver Twist.

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