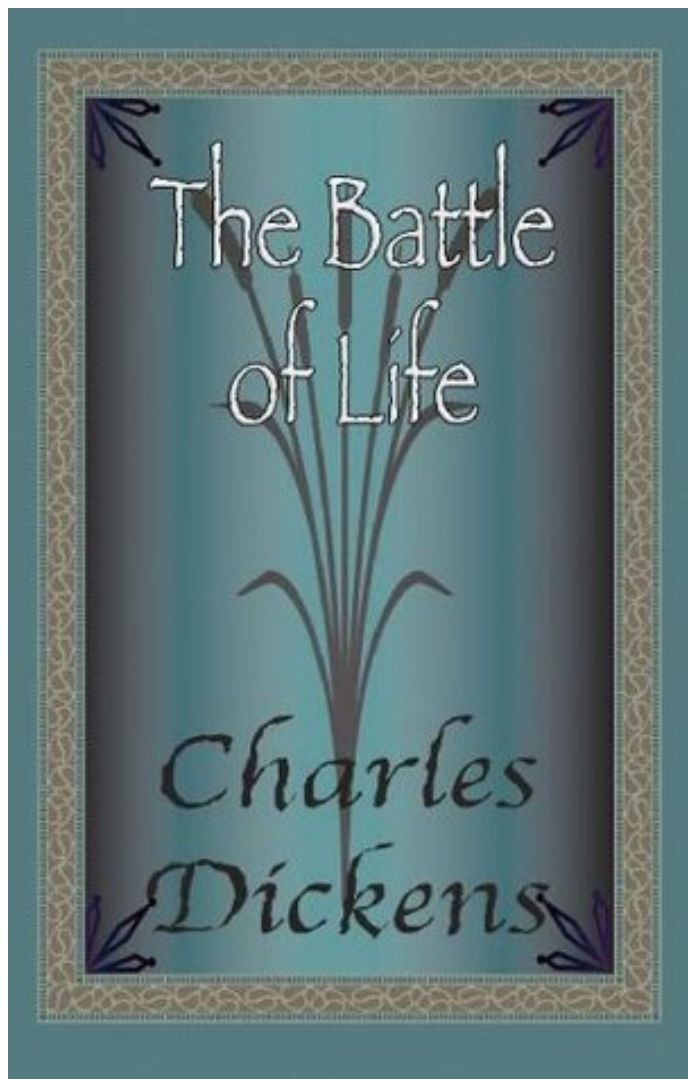

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Description

The Battle of Life: A Love Story is a novella by Charles Dickens, 1st published in 1846. It's the 4th of his five "Christmas Books", coming after The Cricket on the Hearth, followed by The Haunted Man & the Ghost's Bargain.

The setting is an English village that stands on the site of a historic battle. Some characters refer to the battle as a metaphor for the struggles of life, hence the title.

Battle is the only one of the five Christmas Books that has no supernatural or explicitly religious elements. (One scene takes place at Christmas time, but it isn't the final scene.) The story bears some resemblance to The Cricket on the Hearth in two aspects: it has a non-urban setting & it's resolved with a romantic twist. It's even less of a social novel than is Cricket. As is typical with Dickens, the ending is a happy one.

It's one of Dickens' lesser-known works & has never attained any high level of popularity, a trait it shares among the Christmas Books with The Haunted Man.

Insightful reviews

da-wildchildz: After a little angst, Dickens delivers his happy ending and shows he is a romantic!

Carolyn Geason: Excellent little story! I had never heard of it before but ran across it while researching English, French, and American literature of the 1800's (ish).

Howard: Memorable only as an unremarkable story by Dickens.

Atlantis: the tale here's a bit disjointed and that i did not particularly comprehend why Marion needed to "go away" for years even though it used to be a private sacrifice for her in what was once seeminly for the sake of her loved sister. It gave the look of a middle to center dialog and little extra open conversation could have served every body better. I did get pleasure from and relish the outline in regards to the land and the place the village was once positioned and the way every thing is attached yet we do not continuously know the way or why-nor occasionally will we care.

Julia: the tale happens at the scene of a conflict many generations before. It has just a handful of semi-interesting characters who stay out a semi-interesting life. Noble subject of unselfish love.

Nadyne: First sentence: "Once upon a time, it issues little when, and in stalwart England, it concerns little where, a fierce conflict was once fought." Last sentence: "I hardly ever be aware of what weight to provide to his authority." After studying 'A Christmas Carol' and the disappointing 'A Christmas Tree' i wished to stick a section longer within the Christmas atmosphere, so I regarded in my (extensive) ebook record to determine if Dickens had a few extra tales set during this interval of time. and naturally he did. there have been pointed out five so-called Christmas novels (A Christmas Carol, The Chimes, The Cricket at the fireplace , The conflict of lifestyles and The Haunted guy and the Ghost's Bargain) between his works and a few brief stories. So i select The conflict of Life, a brief novella (78 pages) concerning the love

among sisters, Grace and Marion, and the sacrifice that one brings for the other. yet why this tale is named a Christmas book... i would not know. The books starts off on a hot summer season day, two times the tale enfolds in autumn and there's just one scene that occurs on a chilly snowy wintry weather night. All in all, a heart-warming yet really basic learn

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