

## **Pickwick Papers**

The retired and kindly Mr Pickwick and his friends travel the country and report their adventures. They get into (and are got out of) trouble; and are taken in by and return to generous hosts. Less savoury aspects of life are told alongside the happier, all in comedy – apart from the harsh reality of the Fleet Prison, which Mr Pickwick enters rather than pay damages for a claimed breach of promise. Other Pickwickians marry happily; and an adventurer for wealthy women is reformed. Mr Pickwick's valet, Sam Weller, rescues him from his scrapes, much as another writer's Jeeves rescues Bertie Wooster.

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