

Oliver Twist

Dei ex machina. Oliver, orphaned, flees to London. On his first outing with two of Fagin's boys, Mr Brownlow's handkerchief was picked. The other boys escape and Oliver caught but not convicted. Mr Brownlow takes him home, where he is struck by Oliver's likeness to a portrait of a young woman, later revealed to be his mother. Oliver was recaptured, then shot during an attempted robbery by Bill Sykes, but cared for by the householders, Mrs Maylie and her adopted niece, Rosa, later revealed to be Oliver's aunt. Nancy helped to restore Oliver to the Brownlows and was murdered by Sykes.

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