

Our Mutual Friend

A body found in the Thames was thought to be John Harmon, heir to his father's estate if he marries Bella Wilfer. The estate passed to the Boffins, servants of his father, who took Bella in to give her the financial comfort she would have enjoyed. John, as John Rokesmith, his second alias, becomes Mr Boffin's secretary. He falls in love with Bella, who rejects first proposal, but later marries him for love. In a side-plot Bradley Headstone falls in love with Lizzie Hexham, whose goodness attracts Eugene Wrayburn. Headstone almost drowns Wrayburn, but Lizzie saves him and they are married.