

# American Notes



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Notes "is a fascinating and often highly critical portrait of the young American nation. Dickens touches on subjects as diverse as Wall Street, the American prison system, slavery, and the American press.

## 作者介绍:

Charles Dickens, perhaps the best British novelist of the Victorian era, was born in Portsmouth, Hampshire, England in 1812. His happy early childhood was interrupted when his father was sent to debtors' prison, and young Dickens had to go to work in a factory at age twelve. Later, he took jobs as an office boy and journalist before publishing essays and stories in the 1830s. His first novel, *The Pickwick Papers*, made him a famous and popular author at the age of twenty-five. Subsequent works were published serially in periodicals and cemented his reputation as a master of colorful characterization, and as a harsh critic of social evils and corrupt institutions. His many books include *Oliver Twist*, *David Copperfield*, *Bleak House*, *Great Expectations*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *A Tale of Two Cities*. Dickens married Catherine Hogarth in 1836, and the couple had nine children before separating in 1858 when he began a long affair with Ellen Ternan, a young actress. Despite the scandal, Dickens remained a public figure, appearing often to read his fiction. He died in 1870, leaving his final novel, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, unfinished.

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## 书评

整本书比起游山玩水，更侧重于社会考察。里面满是狄更斯作为一个英国人对美国人和美国社会的看法，其实非常有趣，但可惜被拙劣的译文给毁了，这也是我给2颗星的原因（英文原版和这个译本我都读了）。另外推荐一下张谷若翻译的这本书，版本有些老了。译文同样不尽如人意，且用的...

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