

Why you should read David Copperfield...

1. Many critics, including the writer Tolstoy, agree with Dickens that this is his best novel.
2. This was Sigmund Freud's favorite novel!
3. Dickens is a master of characterization – you will never forget “Trot,” Mr. Micawber, Uriah Heep, Dora, the Peggottys...
4. He is a master story-teller – engaging, wise, funny and compelling.

Why you may struggle with David Copperfield...

1. The length -- Dickens was paid by the word and published his novels in serial form originally so his novels require a commitment of time!
2. He can seem to ramble a bit at times (not surprising since the more he wrote, the quicker he could pay off his debts!)
3. Plot and characterization are more significant than theme – it reads like an autobiography (which it is, in many ways).

Still interested?

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