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On Christmas Eve, a party of friends descends on a purportedly haunted country retreat, charged with the task of discovering evidence of the supernatural. Sequestered in their rooms for the holiday, the friends reconvene on Twelfth Night at a great feast and share their stories of spectral encounter. "Conducted" by Charles Dickens and counting Elizabeth Gaskell and Wilkie Collins among its contributors, "The Haunted House examines quintessentially Victorian themes—sex and longing, nostalgia and loss—in ways that continue to resonate today. Ingeniously conceived and written, and spiked with flashes of Dickensian humor, this volume is a strange and sheer delight.

About the Author

Charles Dickens (1812–1870) is considered one of the English language's greatest writers. His works include *Bleak House*, *A Christmas Carol*, *David Copperfield*, *Great Expectations*, *The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby*, and *A Tale of Two Cities*.

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