



## Chapter 18

# The Final Note

The courtroom was packed with townspeople awaiting Fagin's verdict. Fagin stood in front of the jury. Not a sound could be heard. He studied the faces of the jury. He couldn't see an ounce of sympathy in any of them. "Guilty!" shouted the judge. The building rang out with tremendous shouts and groans. He was sentenced to die on Monday. He would go to the gallows! Upon hearing the verdict, Oliver said a prayer for Fagin. Mr. Brownlow went to see him. "You have proof as to Oliver's identity," said Mr. Brownlow. "We must have those papers."

"I have no proof," said Fagin. Mr. Brownlow sighed. "It's over. Sikes is dead. Nancy is dead. Monks has confessed to everything. You are to die. Give back the boy's good name to him." Fagin showed some remorse as he told Mr. Brownlow where to find the papers. As to the rest of the characters, their story is coming to a close. Within three months, Rose and Harry married in the village church and that's where they lived their lives. Harry took over the duties of the church. They made it a happy home. Mrs. Maylie lived with them and stayed there for the remainder of her days. Monks and Oliver split the property that was left to them. It was worth more than 3,000 pounds each. Although Oliver had the rights to all of it, Mr. Brownlow wanted Monks to have the opportunity to turn his life into an honest one.

Oliver agreed to the terms. Monks, never giving up his new name, lost all his money, and quickly fell back to his criminal ways. He died in prison.

The rest of Fagin's gang went to prison with the exception of Charley Bates. Appalled by the crime Sikes committed, he decided that an honest life was the best life. He struggled but in the end, succeeded and made a favorable impression to all he came to know. The Bumbles never regained any status and had to live like paupers in the same workhouse they ruled over. Once the tormentors of the poor, now they were the poor. Mr. Brownlow adopted Oliver. Mrs. Bedwin, Mr. Grimwig, and Dr. Losberne were always in Oliver's life. Everyone moved onto the land that Harry and Rose built their house upon.

Within the grounds of the village church, near Oliver's home, stands a white marble tablet. It bears just one word: Agnes. It was built to honor a mother who loved her child, if even for a few brief moments. That child, Oliver Twist, visited the tablet each day to honor the mother he never knew but loved with all his heart.



The End

HOW DOES THE STORY END FOR THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS...

Fagin:

Oliver Twist:

Monks:

Mr. and Mrs. Bumble:

Charley Bates:

PUT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS IN THE ORDER OF THE TIME AT WHICH THEY OCCURRED. USE NUMBERS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, AND 7

Bill Sikes and Toby Crackit attempt to rob a house in Chertsey.

Nancy takes Oliver from Fagin's house to Bill Sikes' house.

Fagin meets Monks on the corner of the street.

Toby Crackit goes to Fagin's house to give him some bad news.

Oliver is shot and wounded.

Bill Sikes and Nancy kidnap Oliver.

Charley Bates and the Artful Dodger tell Bill Sikes Oliver has been arrested.