

Narrating the Social Progress of England in Selected Novels of**Charles Dickens 1837-1861****By****Abeer Odeh Abdat****Supervisor****Dr. Taher Badinjki****Abstract**

This study investigates the portrayal of public life and social conditions of England as reflected in the works of Charles Dickens. Four novels have been selected to follow the chronological line of investigation from 1837 to 1861. The novels under study are; *Oliver Twist* (1837), *Dombey and Son* (1846), *Hard Times* (1854) and *Great Expectations* (1861). The study shows how social ills and public issues were treated and portrayed in these novels. This literary study is based on text. The portrayal of life in these four selected novels is the main source of this study; in addition, some critics' opinions and my point of view have been added.