

Translations

Dickens has long been one of the most widely translated of English authors. Anyone interested in this topic should consult the *General Catalogue* of the British Library. According to an article published in the *British Museum Quarterly* (1940), describing a collection presented to the Library, it appears that his work has been translated not only into most western languages (including, for example, Icelandic, Ukrainian and Catalan) but also into numerous oriental languages. Those inclined and competent to do so can (to select only a handful of instances) read *David Copperfield* in Armenian, *A Tale of Two Cities* in Arabic, *Little Dorrit* in Chinese, 'Mugby Junction' in Finnish and 'The Chimes' in Lithuanian. There are also Braille and shorthand versions. The most popular candidate for translation has been *David Copperfield*—the world's as well as Dickens' favourite child, it would seem—with *Oliver Twist* and *A Christmas Carol* competing for second place.