



A HOUSE TO LET by CHARLES DICKENS AND OTHERS

**A HOUSE TO LET**  
by Charles Dickens,  
Wilkie Collins,  
Elizabeth Gaskell and  
Adelaide Anne Procter

**Total running time:**  
**4 hours 12 mins**

*A House to Let* is a novella, originally published in 1858 in the Christmas edition of Dickens' *Household Words* magazine. Each of the contributors wrote a chapter and the whole story was edited by Dickens.

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The plot concerns an elderly woman, Sophonisba, who notices signs of life in a supposedly empty dilapidated house (the eponymous "House to Let") opposite her own, and employs the efforts of an elderly admirer, Jabez Jarber, and her servant, Trottle, to discover what is happening within.  
*(Summary by Ruth Golding and Wikipedia)*

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