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Annotation: *This article is mainly about novel called "Great expectations" which is written by Charles Dickens. It is provided information about writer, his life, summaries and conclusions of the novel; connection between Dickens's life and the novel as well as "Great expectations" of people.*

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"Great expectations" is a novel that written by Charles Dickens. He is one of the greatest English novelists. Although he spent some happy childhood years, his family and he faced many hardships during their life. However, this difficulties taught him how actually, life is, and how people should live in it. I read one sentence in one magazine "for being writer you must face difficulties in your childhood, for being poet you should not reach your first love". I will not talk about it fully, but being writer require more and more big insights and lessons from life. Because, you cannot write without any experience, you cannot write without reading others' works that are written before yours, you cannot write valuable book without knowing how life goes on. And also we should realize one thing! No one becomes a writer by himself: it can be achieved through years of lessons, hard work, interest in fiction, literature and faith.

Charles Dickens also faced hardships in his life, as a result of them, as conclusions of that hardships he wrote many books and novels. Most of the novels he wrote are based on true stories; Mainly, related to his own life, some episodes from his life, hardships he faced during his life and so on. I mean, he showed some of his life vibes in his novels. One of them is "Great Expectations", it published serially in All the Year Round in 1860–1861 and issued in book form in 1861. The classic novel was one of its author's greatest critical and popular successes. It chronicles the coming of age of orphan Pip, while dealing with issues such as social class and human dignity, worth and value.

There are so many characters in that book as well as all of them have their own position in the novel. Main characters are: Philip, Joe Gargery, Mrs Gargery, Estella, Miss Havisham, Mr Wopsle and others, there are some episodic characters as well, like Bidly, Herbert, Mr Pumblechook, Orlick, Magwitch and etc.

This book is mainly about life of Pip (Philip): situations he faced, his way of living and the process of being a gentleman.

So why this novel is called "Great expectations", Why not " Estella and Pip" or "Life of Pip"?

The main reason of this is every person comes to realize that life has great expectations to all people, if they try hard, if they encounter all of the hardships, if they never abandon, if they do their best!

I think, people should reach their great expectations with their great effort not with others support. In this novel the main character Pip comes to realize that his "great expectations" – social standing and wealth – are less important than loyalty, than sympathy and compassion. "Great expectations" was also noted for its blend of humor, mystery, and tragedy at the same time. In the original ending of the novel, Pip and Estella were not reunited, but Dickens was persuaded to write a happier ending.

Why author did not ended this book fully? For giving a chance to readers; they also should think about it, they can end it themselves in their imagination. I really appreciate that kind of writers in terms of not ended their books fully. You may say why? Every person should has his/her own view, own perspective, own imagination. That kind of books can help them to improve their opinions, to reach the main point, to have a chance saying his/her attitudes about something.

In general, I want to say to anyone that do not chase wealth, do not chase happiness, if you try hard enough, if you pray for it, you can achieve it! From this book I have learnt that do not leaning on others' supports. We should work for ourselves, we shoul try for ourselves in this case, our good expectations are ready for us! Believe, they wait for us!

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