English Summary Oliver Twist

Character: The gang

When Oliver moved to London, he met the Artful Dodger, the oldest member of the gang of juvenile pickpockets, led by the elderly criminal Fagin.

The Artful Dodger had a dirty, ordinary boy's face, but he behaved as if he were an adult. He was short for his age and had little, sharp ugly eyes. His hat was stuck on the top of his head. He wore a man's coat which reached almost down to his feet, with sleeves so long that his hands were completely covered. His actual name was Jack Dawkins, but he was usually called "The Artful Dodger". "Artful", because he was very clever at getting what he wanted; and "Dodger" because he was very good at not getting caught when he did something wrong.



Another member of the gang was Nancy; she was a friendly girl and decided to help Oliver. She was in love with the violent Bill Sike, but at the end of the novel, Nancy sadly gets killed from him in a fit of rage.



In the novel, the Artful Dodger and Oliver became close friends, and he tries to make him a pickpocket, but soon realizes that Oliver will not succeed, and feels sorry for him.

Artful Dodger

A special moment for us:

For us, a memorable moment was, when Oliver and Bill Sikes went to rob the house of Mrs. Maylie. Bill Sikes wanted Oliver to come back, but Oliver stood frozen on his place and someone shoot him down.