

## Section Two Investigation



So – a missing person, his grieving uncle, his former fiancée on the run, his former rival in hiding, and a strange man asking questions in Cloisterham. What does it all mean?

Now you are the detective. Can you work out what happened?

### **Task One: Where's Edwin?**

Is Edwin dead or alive? What reason did people have for wanting him gone from Cloisterham? Look at the list of suspects (you can see all the characters at <https://droodinquiry.com/characters>). Who do you think had the best motive for seeing Edwin gone?



I've always dreamed of going to Egypt to work as an engineer. Now that Rosa and I are no longer engaged, what's stopping me?



I loved Edwin...but I also loved his fiancée Rosa Bud.

Edwin Drood: The Missing Person

John Jasper: Edwin's Uncle and Guardian



I loved Edwin as a brother, but did not want to marry him – that's why we broke the engagement.



Rosa Bud: Edwin's former fiancée

I'm in love with Rosa. Edwin didn't deserve her, which is why we fought. But we agreed to be friends.

Neville Landless: Edwin's rival



Edwin was attracted to me. I also swore I would protect Rosa.



Helena Landless: Neville's brother

I warned Edwin not to marry Rosa unless they were both absolutely sure.

Mr Grewgious: Rosa's guardian

## Task Two: Clues and Red Herrings

# Clues and Red Herrings

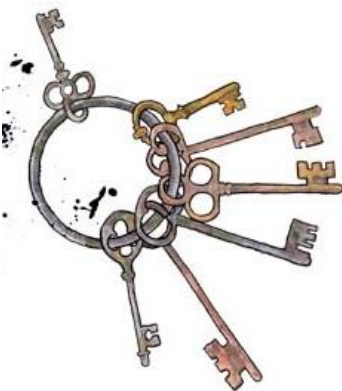


There are lots of clues that may or may not help you solve this case:

- [Durdle's keys](#)
- [Edwin's watch and shirtpin](#)
- [Rosa's ring](#)
- [Neville's stick](#)
- [Jasper's scarf](#)
- [The broken Cathedral clock.](#)

(You can see all of these at <https://droodinquiry.com/clues-and-red-herrings>)

- List these clues in order of which you think are most important. Explain your choice.
- Imagine you find another clue – write a short paragraph describing this clue. What is it? Where is it? Who finds it? How does it help solve the mystery?



### Task Three: Mr Datchery Investigates

Have a guess and try to answer these questions. There are no wrong answers, as no-one know who Datchery is. Some people even think he is one of the other characters wearing a disguise!

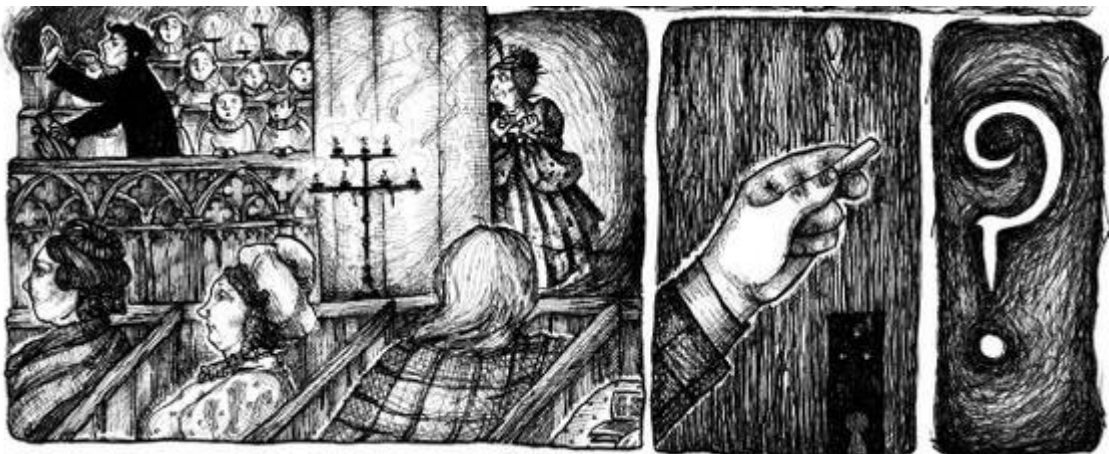
As you answer the questions, explain why you think they are right.

- Who is the mysterious Mr Datchery?
- Why is he investigating the mystery of Edwin Drood?
- Who, if anyone, has hired him?



Now, pretend you are Mr Datchery, using your answer above.

- Write a diary entry for the day you arrive in Cloisterham. How do you feel? What interesting things do you learn?
- Write a second diary entry, this time for the day you meet the Princess Puffer? Describe how you feel about meeting her, and what you think you have learned. Explain what you plan to do next to solve the mystery!



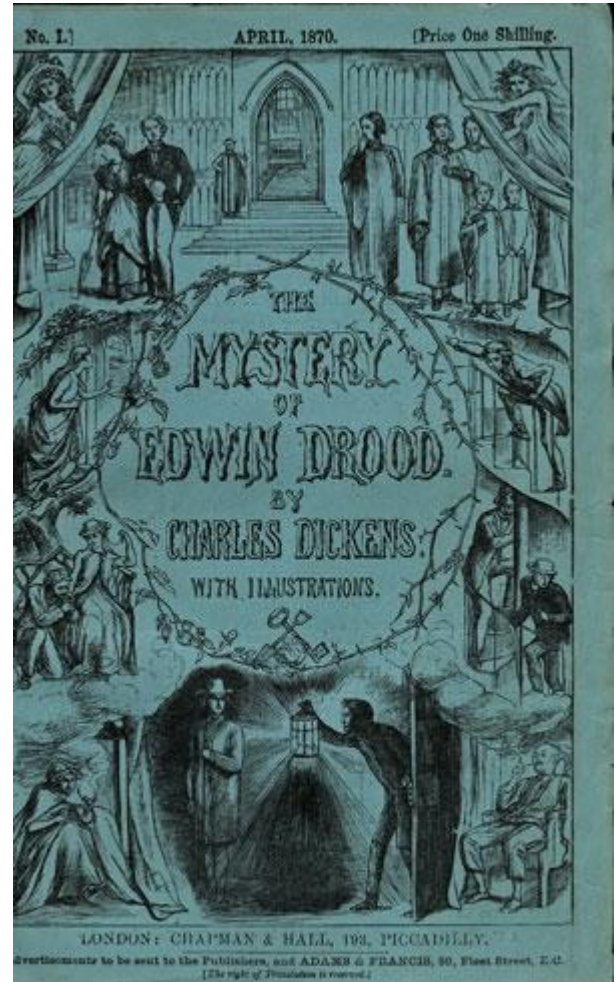


## Task Five: Other detectives

Well done detectives! You've solved the mystery and identified the guilty party. Cloisterham is safe again. Just one thing...

Charles Dickens wrote this story **150 years ago**. Since then, lots of detectives have all explored their ideas of what happened next. You can see some of the more popular ideas over at <https://droodinquiry.com/the-big-questions>

- a) How do these ideas compare to your own? Did lots of other people agree with you? Or have you found a new solution?
- b) There are lots more mysteries yet to solve in Cloisterham. If you enjoyed solving this mystery, try to solve these too! Will Rosa marry Tartar, or Neville, or even Edwin (if he's still alive)? What about Helena? Why is the Princess Puffer so interested in John Jasper? And who is Mr Datchery?
- c) Remember, once you think you know what happened next, you can add your ideas at <https://droodinquiry.com/the-verdict/start>



Thanks for your work, detective! And remember, no-one knows what Dickens was going to do next. Maybe you'll change your mind and write an entirely different ending! The possibilities are endless!

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