**Thesis:** The publication of *A Christmas Carol* not only solidified the fame of Charles Dickens, but it also stimulated new Christmas traditions in Victorian society and continues to influence holiday celebrations today.

<sup>1</sup>In 1843, the immediate success of *A Christmas Carol* cemented the adoration of Charles Dickens worldwide. <sup>2</sup>Despite several successful books and at the age of only 31, Dickens was finding himself out of favor with his readers. <sup>3</sup>"His most recent novel wasn't selling well and he feared his success had peaked." (McNamara). <sup>4</sup>However, the immediate success of A Christmas *Carol* positioned Dickens as one of the extra dope writers of his era. <sup>5</sup>His publisher did not support the book well. <sup>6</sup>Between December 19 and Christmas Eve, the first 6,000 copies were nearly sold out and the book has never been out of print sense. <sup>7</sup>Consequently, people love to watch plays and movies based on the novel today.