

The Proof Angel Summary of Authors: December 2013

Boost your confidence by looking at a Dickens manuscript

The manuscript of a master should be an example to us all, eh? Clear, tidy, no messing around.

Think again. Have a look at this post about the manuscript of Great Expectations:

<http://ow.ly/sNgyC>

I think that is quite encouraging for us lesser mortals.

Some thoughts about ebooks

Here are some thoughts from someone who has recently lost the use of one hand.

It is an interesting insight into several things including:

- The impact of disability on a reader.
- The importance of checking ebooks properly.
- The potential for local booksellers to get involved in the ebook market.

<http://ow.ly/sNgOH>

Booker prize trends

When I was at university, we had a statistics text book.



Someone involved in the process of producing that book had decided that it needed livening up with cartoons and quotations.

For me, they were the most memorable bit of the book.

One of the quotes was:

He uses statistics as a drunk uses a lamp post - more for support than illumination.

I suspect the same can be said of these statistics about Booker prizewinners. The different perspectives in the comments are also worth reading. The idea that the trend is changing over time is encouraging.

<http://ow.ly/sNjDc>

On the whole, I suspect that the only sensible conclusion you can draw is that a sample of one per year is too small to use as a basis for logical analysis.

But I'm tempted to try the idea of betting against the favourite!

If you prefer your statistics in pictures, try this post.

<http://ow.ly/sNfpG>