



The Man Who Invented Christmas: How Charles Dickens s a Christmas Carol Rescued His Career and Revived Our Holiday Spirits

By Les Standiford

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