

Mark Twain`s critical realism in “The Prince and the Pauper”

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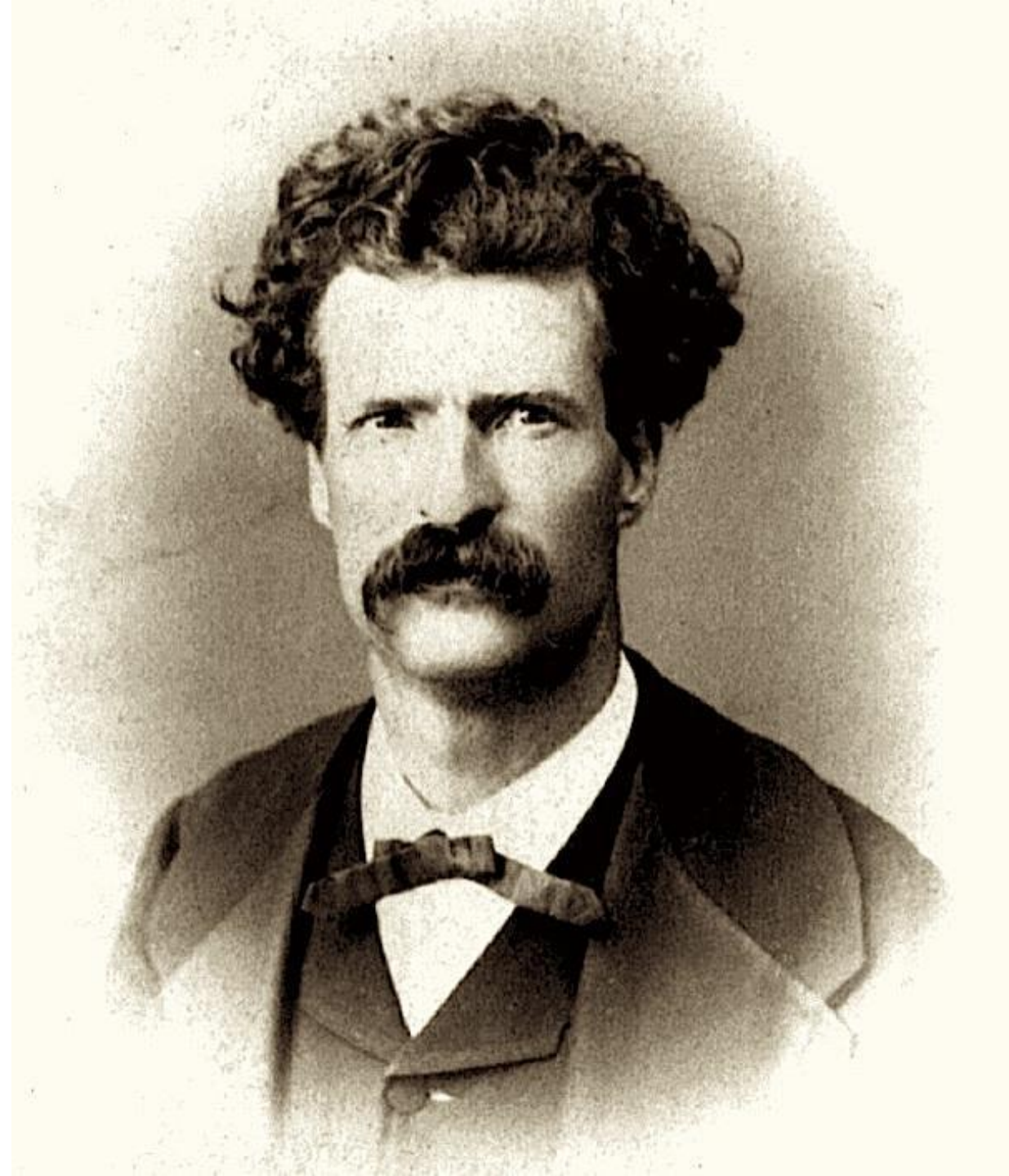
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Product genre

Historical novel - a novel built on the historical story, which plays in the artistic form of any era, a certain period of history. Creator of the first true historical novels and is considered the founder of the genre of world-renowned British writer Sir Walter Scott. Among the many famous historical novels, such as: "Taras Bulba" by Gogol, "Waverley, or sixty years ago," Walter Scott, there is the first historical novel of Mark Twain's "The Prince and the Pauper."

Biography of Mark Twain

Mark Twain's real name - Samuel Langhorne Clemens. His greatest contribution to world literature is considered the novel "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Equally influenced by works such as "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "The Prince and the Pauper," "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court."



Analysis

Twain wrote "The Prince and the Pauper" having already started "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Twain wrote, "My idea is to afford a realizing sense of the exceeding severity of the laws of that day by inflicting some of their penalties upon the King himself and allowing him a chance to see the rest of them applied to others..." "The Prince and the Pauper" was first published in 1881. The events described in this work occur at the end of second quarter of sixteenth century, in London.



Brief retelling

Tom Canty, youngest son of a poor family, has always aspired to a better life, encouraged by the local priest. One day, he saw the Prince of Wales - Edward VI at the gate of the castle. He invites Tom to enter the castle. Fascinated by the stories of Tom about his life, the Prince decides to temporarily change clothes. When the prince learns first hand about the difficulties of life poor, he swears he returned to the throne, to fix this.

Main characters

Tom Canty

Tom was born to a poor family. His appearance promised a lot of trouble. Father taught Tom to beg. Every time he came home empty-handed, his father and grandmother scolded and beat him. The local priest taught him to read and write. He told Tom ancient legends of kings and princes, and then Tom had a dream: to see a real prince.

Edward Tudor, Prince of Wales

The appearance of Edward, the British heir to the throne, waiting for all of England. On the day he was born, the people at the meeting embraced and cry. He lived in the royal castle. The best teachers taught him, the best doctors caring for him. All this was necessary in order to raise a worthy heir to the British throne.

