

# Mark

# Twain

Mark Twain was born in the state of Missouri in the United States in 1835.

His father was an unsuccessful lawyer. The family seldom lived more than a year or two in the same town.

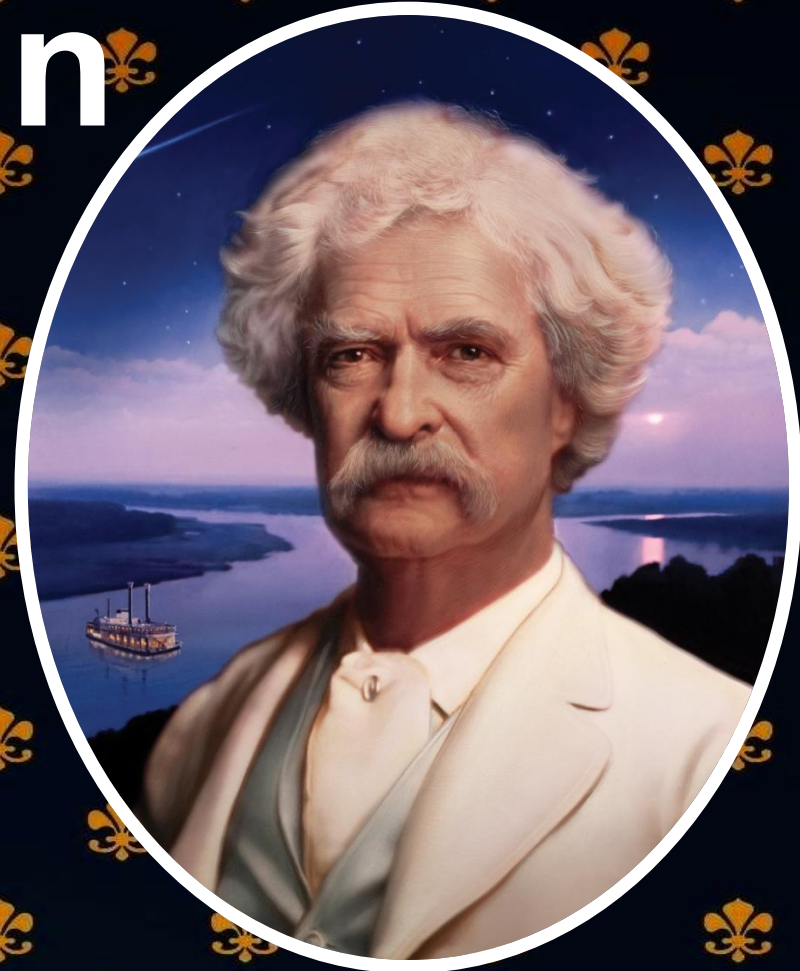
That is why the future writer did not even finish secondary school. He went to work at the age of 12.

For two years he worked for his elder brother's small newspaper both as a printer and reporter.

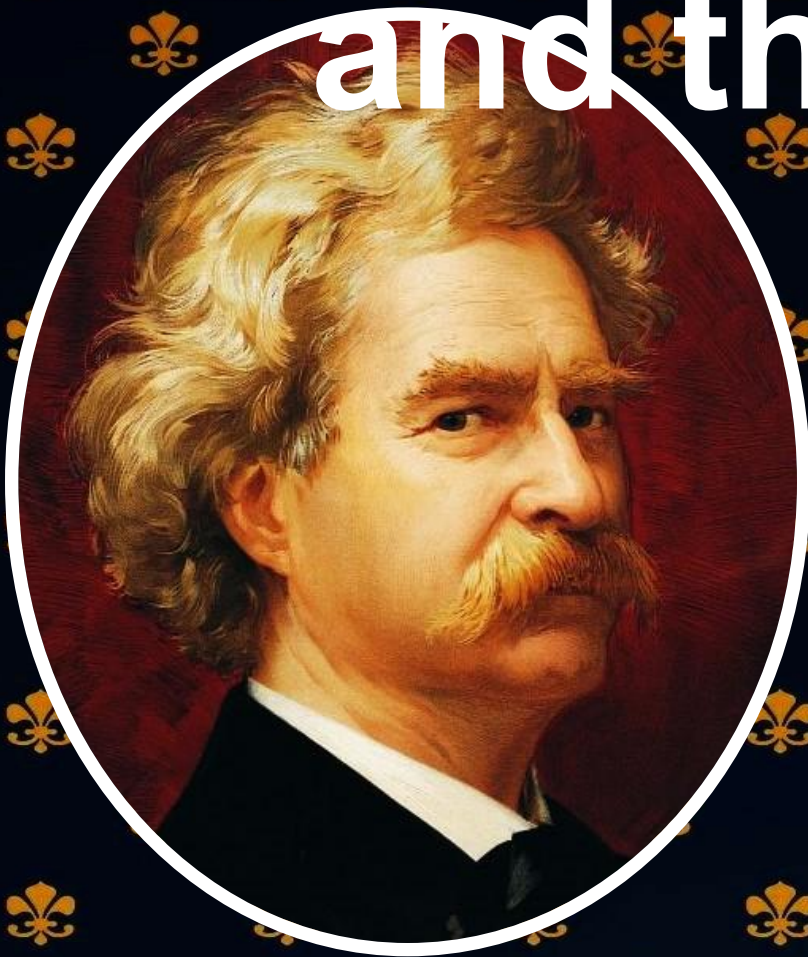
In 1857 he became a pilot on the Mississippi river. He continued to write.

In 1876 he wrote the first novel (is) «*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*»

The book was read by everybody, by the young and old and was translated




# The real name and the death



Mark Twain's real name was Samuel Clemens. He took his penname from the word "to mark" and "twain" which were used by leadsmen on the steamboats to mark the depth of two fathoms.

Besides being a humorist, Mark Twain is also a realist- the author of biting satires and bitterly critical pages revealing a good deal of the truth about American way of life.

Twain died of a heart attack on



. “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” was such a success that in 1884 he wrote “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn”, and then “Tom Sawyer Abroad” and “Tom Sawyer the Detective” in 1896. There were many other books written by Mark Twain. But his novels about Tom Sawyer and his friend Huckleberry Finn brought him world fame.

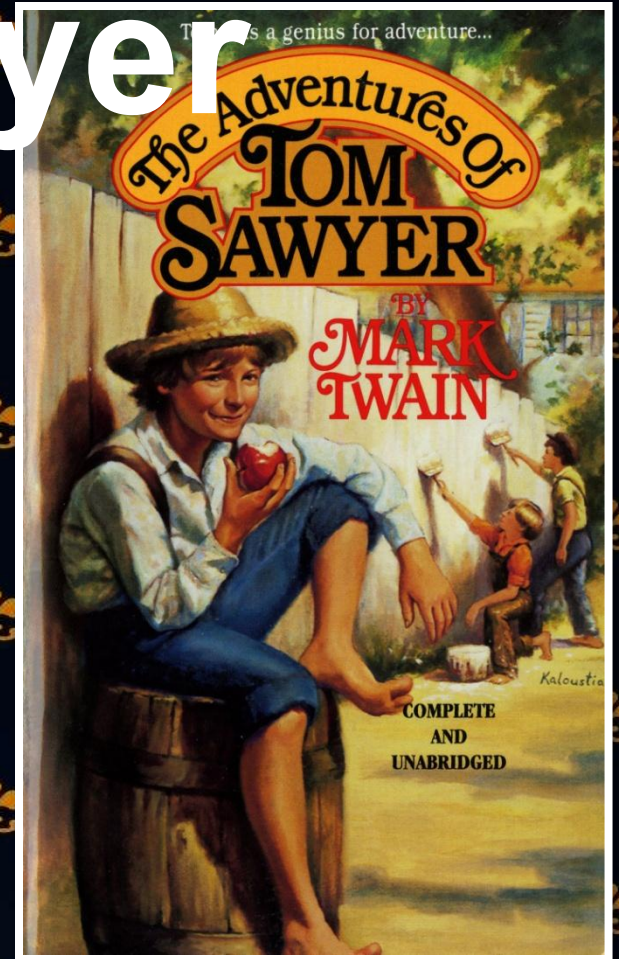
Many years have passed since Mark Twain’s death, but even now we enjoy reading his works.

Mark Twain’s stories enjoy widespread popularity. His characters are always well-drawn, his stories are true-to-life and the plots of his stories are skillfully built up.

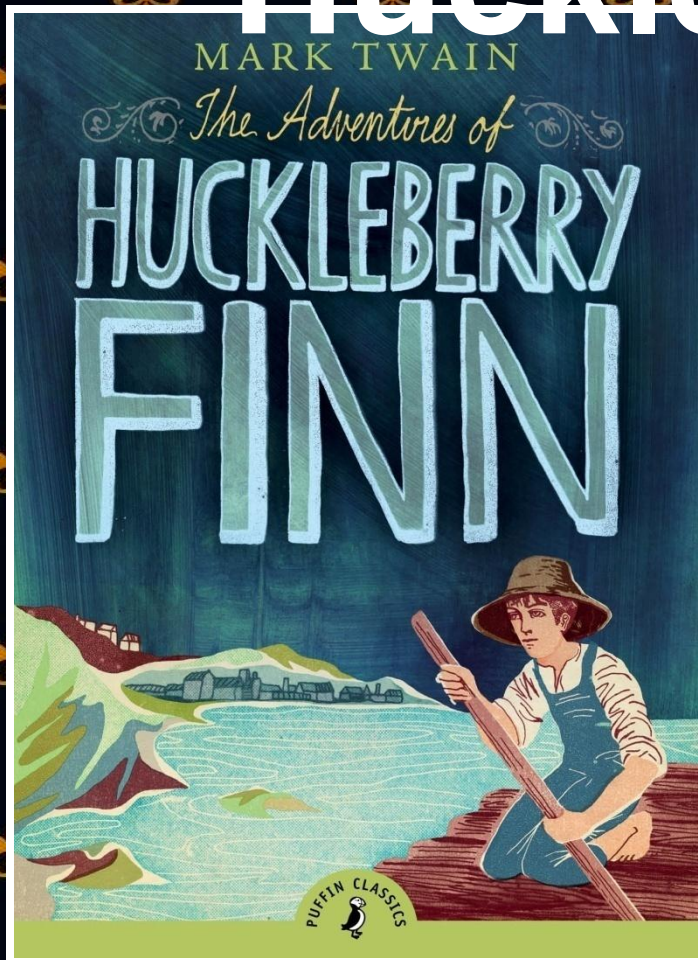
# The Adventures of

# Tom Sawyer

«*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*» is an 1876 novel about a young boy growing up along the Mississippi River. It is set in the fictional town of St. Petersburg, inspired by Hannibal, Missouri. The novel's protagonist is Tom Sawyer. He is a mischievous boy with an active imagination who spends most of the novel getting himself, and often his friends, into and out of trouble. Despite his mischief, Tom has a good heart and a strong moral conscience. As the novel progresses, he begins to take more seriously the responsibilities of his role as a leader among his schoolfellow.



# The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn



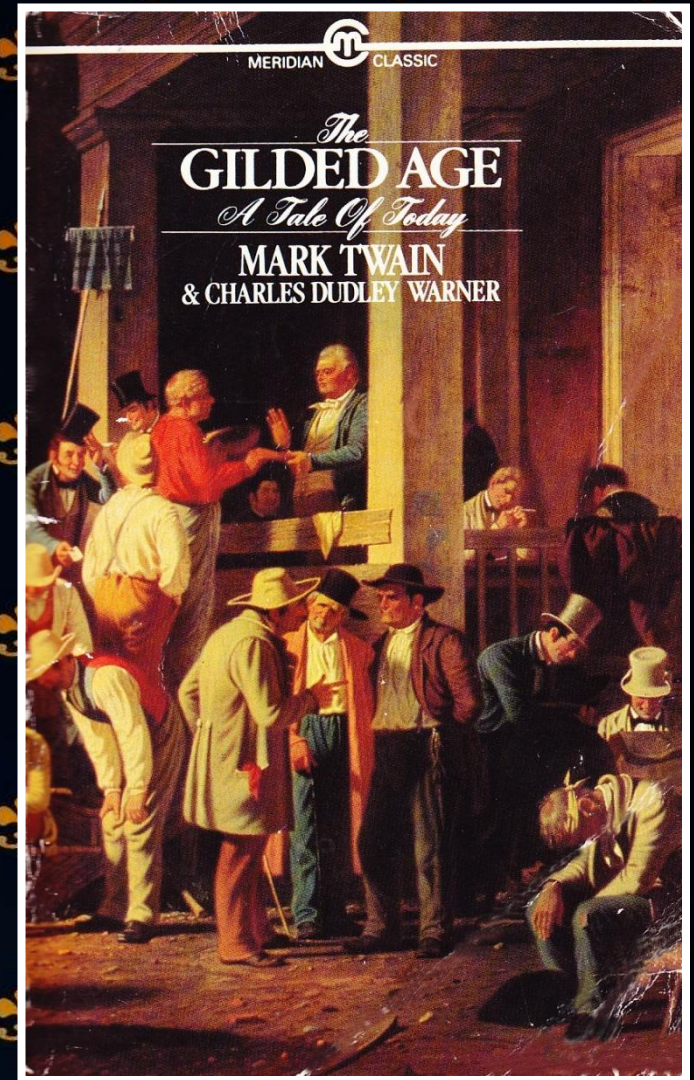
«*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*» is a novel, first published in the United Kingdom in December 1884 and in the United States in February 1885.

The book is noted for its colorful description of people and places along the Mississippi River. Set in a Southern antebellum society that had ceased to exist about 20 years before the work was published, «*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*» is an often

# The Gilded Age

«*The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today*» is a satirical novel, co-written by Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner. Most of the chapters are written by one or the other author, but the final chapters are written by two writers together.

The name of the novel is an ironic reinterpretation of the traditional image of Golden Age, which in American history was gilded only

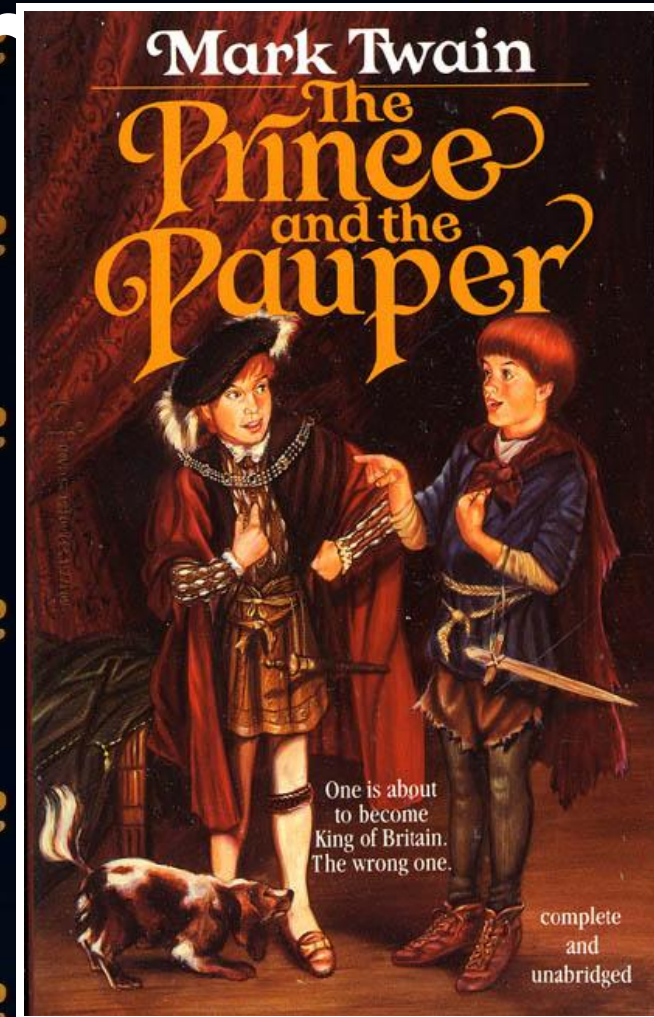


# The Prince and the

«*The Prince and the Pauper*» is a novel which was first published in 1881 in Canada, before its 1882 publication in the United States. The novel represents Twain's first attempt at historical fiction.

Set in 1547, it tells the story of two young boys who are identical in appearance: Tom Canty, a pauper who lives with his abusive father in Offal Court off Pudding Lane in London, and Prince Edward, son of King Henry VIII.

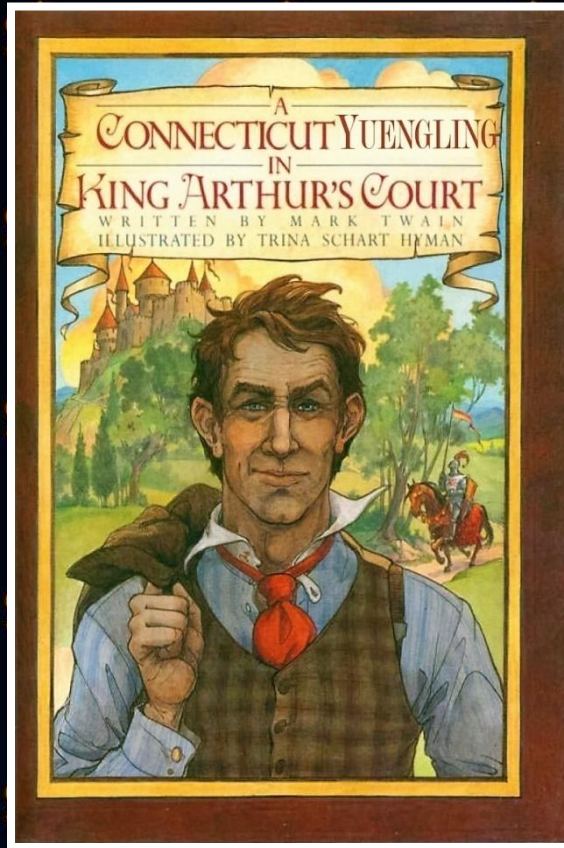
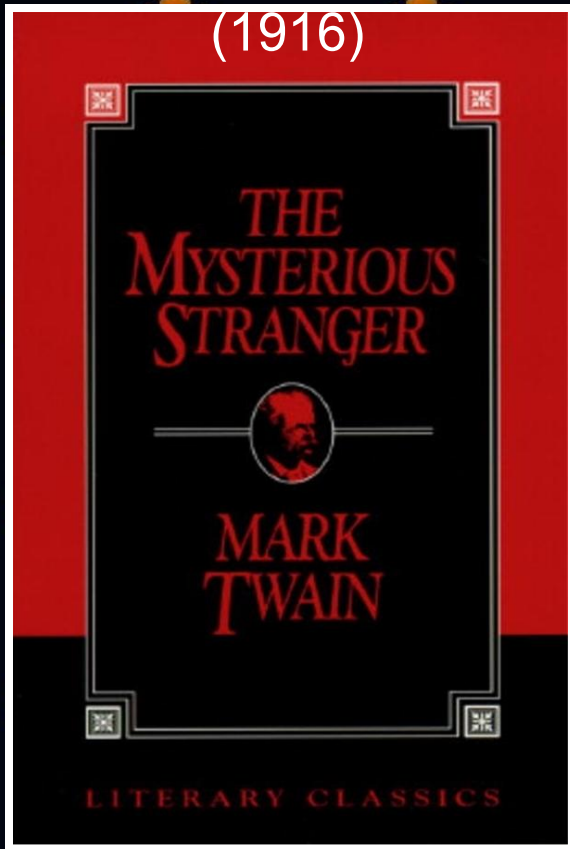
It describes with irony the flaws and absurdities of the English imperfect state



# Other Books

«*The Mysterious Stranger*»

(1916)

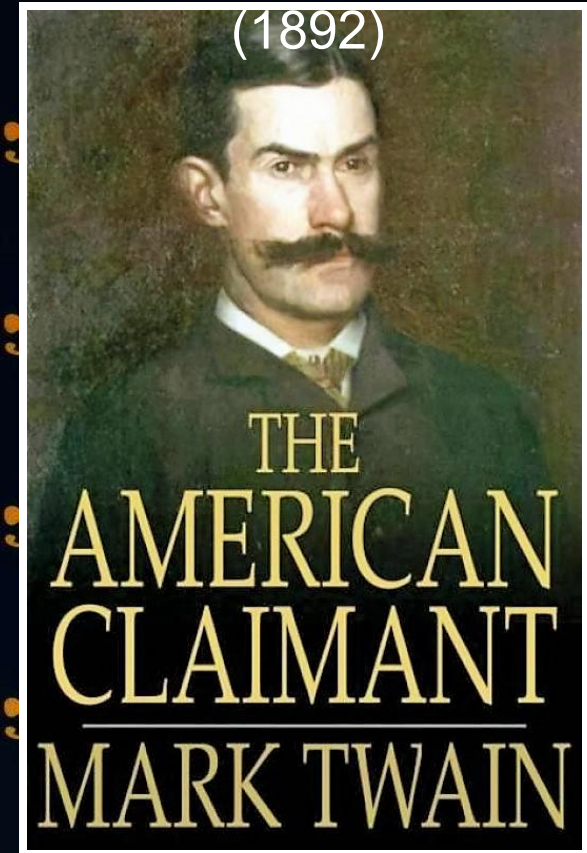


«*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*»

(1889)

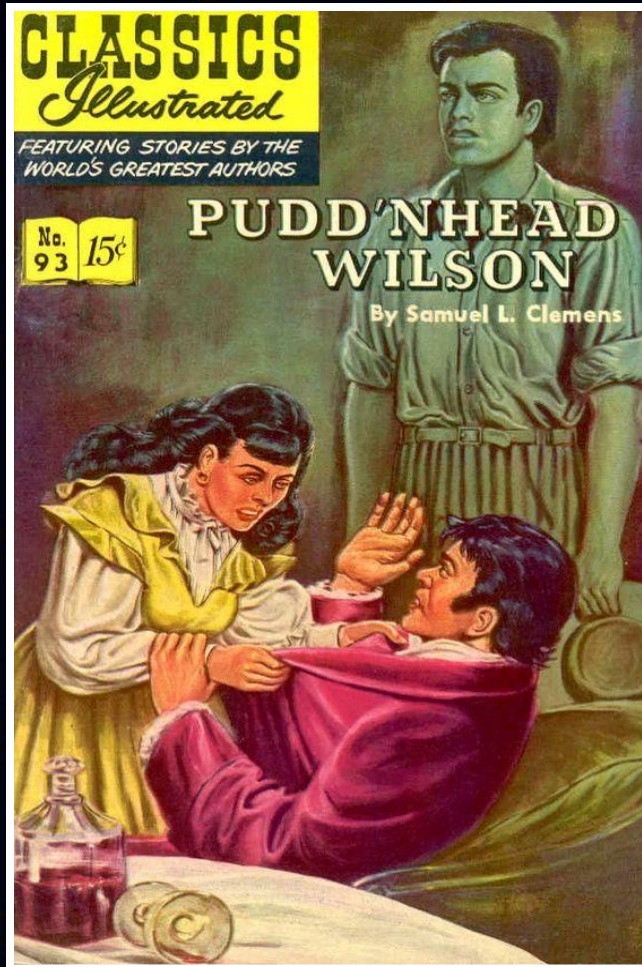
«*The American Claimant*»

(1892)





# Other Books



«Pudd'nhead  
Wilson»  
(1894)



«Personal Recollections of  
Joan of Arc»  
(1896)