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A humorist, narrator, and social observer, Mark Twain is unsurpassed in American literature. Best known as the author of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain, not unlike his protagonist, Huck, has a restless spirit.

He found adventure prospecting for silver in Nevada, navigating steamboats down the Mississippi, and making people laugh around the world. But Twain also had a serious streak and decried racism and injustice. His fascinating life is captured candidly in this enjoyable biography.

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Teri says

One of the school performances was Tom Sawyer. I didn't pay much attention in the story as I belonged to the AV team. Later I read the book with my student. His author is Mark Twain. His real name is Samuel Clemens. In reading his life, his life was just like an adventure that Tom Sawyer took. I thought of my childhood and thought of the childhood of my students. Sam wrote from his "boys' paradise", a Missourian river-side town, Hannibal. Before he was a writer, he was a captain of vessels. He was a publisher. He was almost broke of unsound of investment and repaid his debt. He must be very charismatic speaker that he paid up his debt by touring around Europe giving lectures. What a life for a boy lack of schooling to become a writer and a lecturer who inspired many!

What kind of childhood do we give our children?

Michelle says

Excellent book! I loved learning about Mark Twain. This author was one of the better authors in this series!

A says

I liked learning more about Mark Twain in this biography written for younger readers.

Nick says

Mark Twain was one of the greatest writers of all time!

He wrote Tom Sawyer and the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and many more! He was a father, a husband, and a thinker! Don't forget a speech giver! In here you learn his life story after you think the question "Who was Mark Twain?"

What I like about this book is how Mark Twain thought the telephone would be a failure! Ha ha!

What I learned from this book is when you know you can do something great! You have to try very hard!

Andy Hickman says

"Who Was Mark Twain?" (Who Was/Is...? series) by April Jones Prince, Nancy Harrison (Illustrator), John O'Brien (Illustrator)

Wonderful book giving a genuine and thorough biography of this clever man.

“Sam was fascinated by people’s accents and habits, and by the river towns’ varied flavors and rhythms. He later said his time on the river was his schooling in human nature.” (p27-28)

“Many writers of the day, especially humorists, used pseudonyms, or pen names.” (p42)

“Throughout his life, Mark Twain believed that ‘the secret source of humor itself is not joy, but sorrow.’ And, indeed, his life was marked by much sorrow and tragedy.

“‘The Gilded Age’ attacked the greed and corruption of business and government. It also criticized Americans’ new worship of money, with no concern for how that money was made.” (p64)

Montzalee Wittmann says

Pretty good book!

Learned a few things in this book. Not presented as interestingly as it could be. Liked it and worth the read.

Gator says

Mark Twain had an incredible life, but man was the end sad ?. I thoroughly enjoyed this as did my daughters, and we all learned from it. I can honestly say that after reading this my admiration for Twain has definitely just increased. The book was concise, fun and enjoyable.

Dyary Abubakr says

A light, lovely, informative, easily read book about Mark Twain's life.

He had an interesting and adventurous life which is pleasant to read about, and this book would be one of the best sources to get to know him and spend a lovely evening with this humorous, honest and creative man.

Kenzie says

This biography, book does a wonderful job of showing how influential Mark Twain was, and is. Also this book talks about Mark Twain's life in Hannibal, Missouri, and how that inspired him.

This book is a good read for fourth because the language is slightly advanced, but not hard to comprehend. I gave this book a four star rating because it does a fantastic job showing who Mark Twain is.

Laura says

good info

Shelli says

The Who Was...? biography series are perfect for elementary or intermediate age students interested learning about the featured person for an assignment or just for an exciting read. The afterward portion in this edition has a timeline on one side showing key events in Samuel Langhorne Clemens's life and the opposite page shows worldwide key events during the same time period. Making for an interesting comparison and will help readers get a better feel for what else was happening at those times; a cool extra feature I haven't seen in many books.

Janete says

"I was young and foolish then; now I am old and foolisher." Mark Twain

Erin Pierce says

Good short bio.

Dayna Smith says

Cute introduction to nonfiction.

Beatrice says

O carte foarte interesanta si informativa! Merita lecturata!
