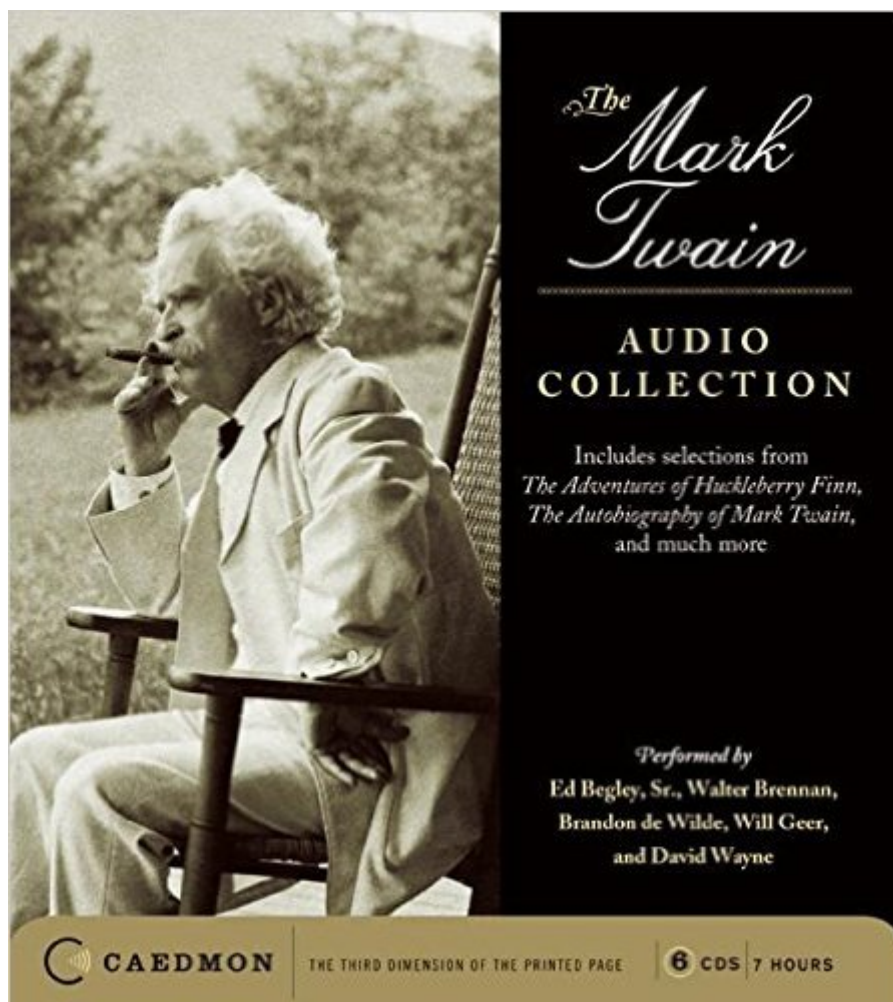


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Synopsis

"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." -- Mark Twain
Mark Twain (1835-1910) was the first American writer to capture the unique and colorful vernacular of his country's populace. Instead of striving to perfect any particular literary form, Twain strove to precisely imprint on paper the colloquial speech, mannerisms and experiences of the American people. Twain's books earned him an enduring reputation as a satirist and humorist, but he also wrote great short stories. These stories, with their wonderful characters and witty turns-of-phrase, have defined in Americans' minds what it means to have been at a time in our country which was at once optimistic, exploratory and recklessly exploitative. Listeners can still benefit today from hearing Mark Twain's stories and selections from his novels as they become again what they originally were: the oral history of our uniquely American consciousness. Includes selections from *Life on the Mississippi*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *Roughing It*, and *The Autobiography of Mark Twain*, and the short stories *The Notorious Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*, *The \$1,000,000 Bank-Note*, *The Joke That Made Ed's Fortune*, *A Dog's Tale*, *A Story Without an End* and many more. Performed by Ed Begley, Sr., Walter Brennan, Brandon de Wilde, Will Geer, and David Wayne

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Customer Reviews

This collection presents a few of your favorite Clemens stories, just as they must have been read aloud by generations of enthralled readers. I enjoyed it greatly and wish the rest of his works were offered in the exact same format.

Life on the Mississippi is done wonderfully. The Jumping Frog of Calveras County is done with such an affected "old codger" accent that it's not funny at all, which is almost impossible for that story. Everything else spans the range. The CD is a compilation of several actors, which doubtless explains the variability.

Nothing beats Mark Twain. He was the consummate story-teller. His choice of words alone can expand your vocabulary, if nothing else. Twain was one of America's greatest writers because he wrote about his life-experiences in a vernacular that gives us insight to his era.

I am not sure what I was expecting from this collection, but I listened to it with mixed feelings. The opening CD dealing with Life on the Mississippi was probably the duller listening. It was fun to hear the material read by Will Gere and Walter Brennan. Some of the language is dated and some of the humor is slow developing, but other times Twain's clever language made me laugh out loud. It was an OK addition to my collection.

This product was exactly what I expected it to be. No surprises. Excellent quality product and the Product was received on-time.

Very good and great listening.

enjoyed listening to this on a long drive. lively and funny and varied enough to keep interest up... though a few full un abridged Mark Twain stories would be good to have on audio too!

I tried several different audio devices and all produced the same low quality audio -- so it must have been the CD.

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