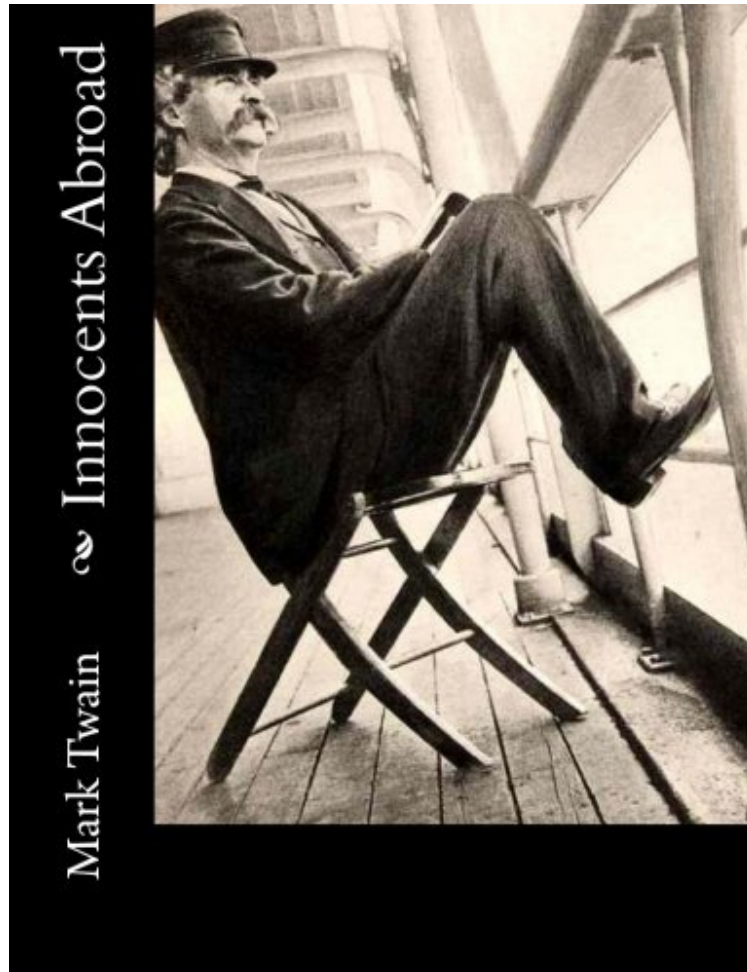


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Mark Twain : Innocents Abroad before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Innocents Abroad:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Twain's humor on world wide travels. Get out your atlas and your magnifying glass. Be prepared to be entertained. By JT Hokie Interesting variation on Twain's normal humor. Get out your maps and your magnifying glass as he travels around 19th century Europe, the Med, and the Holy Land. You've heard of large print editions? This is a microscopic print edition...like 6 pt type, but I forgive it because the book is really cheap. Twain pulls no punches, does not suffer fools gladly. The contrast of many places with today's conditions in that part of the world is interesting. Of course some places and some people really haven't changed that much...I don't pull many punches either. 13 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Careful...this book causes seizures of laughter By The Wolf Twain accompanies and makes humor of a group of wealthy folks who charter a ship and travel thousands of miles from New York to Europe and the Holy Land...and other places. It is a true story of a trip

that really happened...it was Twain's first book and it made him wealthy. It sold more than any other of his books in his lifetime. An example of the humor: Twain was at the Sea of Galilee and wanted to ride in one of the boats some Arab fellows rented out there. The price was high...so high that Twain said now he knew why Jesus had walked across the water. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A fun read that gives insight into Twain's times
By Semi-Avid Reader
As other reviewers have said, a very funny and entertaining read, though you have to allow for the social climate of the day in his views of non-Whites, Catholics (who he probably saw as non-White as well), and Muslims. Both as a travel tale and as a window into the world as it was 150 years ago, a book I'm glad I read. It was fun to read about some of the places where we had just been in Italy and France. Hard to imagine such a trip in a world without phones (mobile or otherwise) or automobiles. Twain has much hilarious commentary on the sites, people, and his fellow travelers. And he isn't afraid to call it like he sees it. He also says many howlingly awful things, particularly about the impoverished Arabs he encountered along the way.

The Innocents Abroad, or The New Pilgrims' Progress is a travel book by American author Mark Twain published in 1869 which humorously chronicles what Twain called his "Great Pleasure Excursion" on board the chartered vessel *Quaker City* (formerly *USS Quaker City*) through Europe and the Holy Land with a group of American travelers in 1867. It was the best-selling of Twain's works during his lifetime, as well as being one of the best-selling travel books of all time.

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From the Back Cover
This book offers a glimpse of a major writer when he was and just beginning to flex his muscles, and also serves as an enduring no-nonsense guide for the first-time traveler of Europe and the Holy Land.
About the Author
Mark Twain was born Samuel Langhorne Clemens on November 30, 1835, during a visit by Halley's Comet in Florida, Missouri. He grew up in Hannibal, Missouri which would later be the setting for "Tom Sawyer" and "Huck Finn." He became a master riverboat pilot on the Mississippi River and a typesetter at his older brother's newspaper. While working as a reporter in 1865, he wrote "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" and became nationally recognized. He served in a Confederate unit in the Civil War for a total of two weeks until the group disbanded, then married Olivia Langdon in 1870. Through his wife, he became friends with Harriet Beecher Stowe, Frederick Douglass and Nikola Tesla. He also knew Thomas Edison and patented three inventions. The pseudonym Mark Twain came from an old riverboat call, "by the mark twain," meaning "according to the mark, the depth is two fathoms," or "The water is twelve feet deep and safe to pass." Previous to that, he had used the names "Josh" and "Thomas Jefferson Snodgrass." Twain made a great deal of money by writing and even started his own publishing house, printing the biography of Ulysses Grant. Eventually, that and poor investments in technology caused him to go bankrupt, but he was able to recover by giving a series of world-wide lectures. In 1909 Twain predicted that, since he had come in with Halley's Comet, he would leave with it as well. He died of a heart attack on April 21, 1910, one day after the comet's approach to Earth. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in his wife's hometown of Elmira, New York.