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The Adventures Of Tom Sawyer



Synopsis

Mark Twain's classic coming-of-age novel that captured the imagination of America. Generations of readers and listeners have enjoyed the ingenuous triumphs and feckless mishaps of boyhood days on the Mississippi. This classic of American wit and storytelling introduced Tom Sawyer, Becky Thatcher, Aunt Polly, the Widow Douglas, and many other characters to the world, including, of course the boy who "was cordially hated and dreaded by all the mothers of the town because he was idle and lawless and vulgar and bad—and because all their children admired him so": Huckleberry Finn. This novel is part of Brilliance Audio's extensive Classic Collection, bringing you timeless masterpieces that you and your family are sure to love.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 4—Tom, Becky, Aunt Polly, and the other residents of St. Petersburg, MO, come to vivid life through Payne's exuberant artwork in this handsome reprint edition of the classic story. Finely detailed pencil drawings, stunning watercolors, and mixed-media compositions depict playful, Norman Rockwell-esque portraits, Americana, and thoughtful visualizations of Twain's iconic scenes. A work of art, this oversize edition is a lovely addition for collectors and libraries with large classics collections. —Kiera Parrott, School Library Journal

Huckleberry Finn may be the greater book, but Tom Sawyer has always been more widely read. Moreover, it is a book that can be enjoyed equally by both children and adults. Twain, who called it

a "hymn" to boyhood, would be thrilled that in narrator Patrick Fraley his hymn has found its most passionate voice. Many good unabridged readings of Tom Sawyer have already been recorded, but most are simply that: readings. Fraley's performance is something more; in attempting to bring each character to life, his enthusiasm for the material is so palpable that the mere sound of his voice commands attention. A can't-miss addition to all libraries, including those that have other Tom Sawyer programs. Kent Rasmussen, Thousand Oaks, CA Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I feel so lucky to have found these books (I got the Huckleberry Finn companion book, too.). My friend and I went to Hannibal, MO over the Memorial Day weekend. What a treat! That's when I learned about the Twain/Rockwell connection. The gift shop in Hannibal was selling the set in a pristine, brand new binding, etc. for \$99. I just couldn't justify the cost. But when I found these books from the original 1936 (or so) printing in these lovely sleeves, I thought I had died and gone to heaven. They are wonderful! And, combined, the two were cheaper than Hannibal's offering!

I think it is odd that this book is considered a children's book. I doubt very much it can compete with today's supernatural and flashy offerings for that demographic. The trouble is, the experience of the young protagonist will seem alien to most any child raised today who probably will never experience the freedom of just roaming the countryside, adult-free, and playing with sticks and frogs and their imagination. For me, however, I was brought clearly back to the banks of the Hudson and the woods and fields of the Stillwater, NY of my youth. Twain captures so well the endless potential of those years and it is such a shame that society has lost them. If Huck Finn is a better book in general (and it is), one cannot deny that the bloom of youth is captured few places better than in Tom Sawyer. I will say that, now that I have met Tom Sawyer, the end of Huck Finn becomes no less tiresome. It seems a parody of Tom, and does not strike one with the same sense of truth that the same behavior in this book does. Maybe I am a nitpicker. Twain is an excellent storyteller.

Everyone wants to be a kid again, well one way that I beat the system is to read books that take me back to when I was carefree, duh a kid. I loved this book back then and it's even better now. Maybe better than then because I can really appreciate the work that was put into this masterpiece. When your ready to beat time, just pick up a book like this and take a trip back. Mark Twain had a very unique way of writing and you can see in his work the details that he includes. They are rich with the time and in such a simple way draw you into the story. The vivid descriptions and yet so down to

earth will let you live the drama of the moment. I have been adding to my reading list books like this because now I can really enjoy not just the story but the work. The beauty of the time and the simplicity of the characters.

It's a classic from one of our most beloved authors. What more need be said?

I ordered the Sterling Publishers March 2010 edition Illustrated by Robert Ingpen after reading a review someone left here on ...and I'm so glad I did! It's a beautiful edition that will make it fun to read aloud together. The book is larger than I thought it would be so if you need one to carry around, you probably don't want this copy.

First of all, Nick Offerman is a terrific narrator. Second of All Mark Twain is a terrific writer. I read this book when I was quite young, so it really didn't appreciate how well Twain writes and how funny he can be. (Tom's conversation with Huck about wart removal is hilarious.) If you haven't read this as an adult, I highly recommend you do so now. If you're still a kid, and are reading it now, put it on your list to do it again in 20-30 years.

"He was not the Model Boy of the village. He knew the model boy very well though--and loathed him." Tom Sawyer is that fun-loving mischievous, too-curious-for-his-own-good boy who I would like to think lives inside of us all. In the Adventures of Tom Sawyer, you get to experience the exciting and sometimes unusual life of Tom in his youth. From skipping school to go swimming, to running away from home to become a pirate, Tom is no stranger to adventure. However, both Tom and his friend Huck happen to be at the wrong place at the wrong time and happen to be witnesses of a murder. He and his friend Huck truly have the time of their lives in this adventure and it makes you longing to know what happens next at every turn of the page. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer is a fictional novel set in the mid 1800s and was written in the same style as Mark Twain's other novel, Huckleberry Finn, as most words are spelled differently than their actual correct spelling. In other words, it makes you feel like you are actually living in the South and speak in the same slang-format as most Southerners. This book is fairly similar to one of Mark Twain's other novels, the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. If you have not read the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and you enjoy reading the Adventures of Tom Sawyer, I highly recommend that book as well. All in all, the Adventures of Tom Sawyer is a fantastic read and I highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys a suspenseful adventure.

Who doesn't love Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn? This is a great collection of Tom Sawyer Collection - All Four Books (Illustrated + Audio links. Includes 'Adventures of Tom Sawyer,' 'Huckleberry Finn' + 2 more sequels) by Mark Twain. Great illustrations and other extras make this the collections to get. Wonderful! Five stars.

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