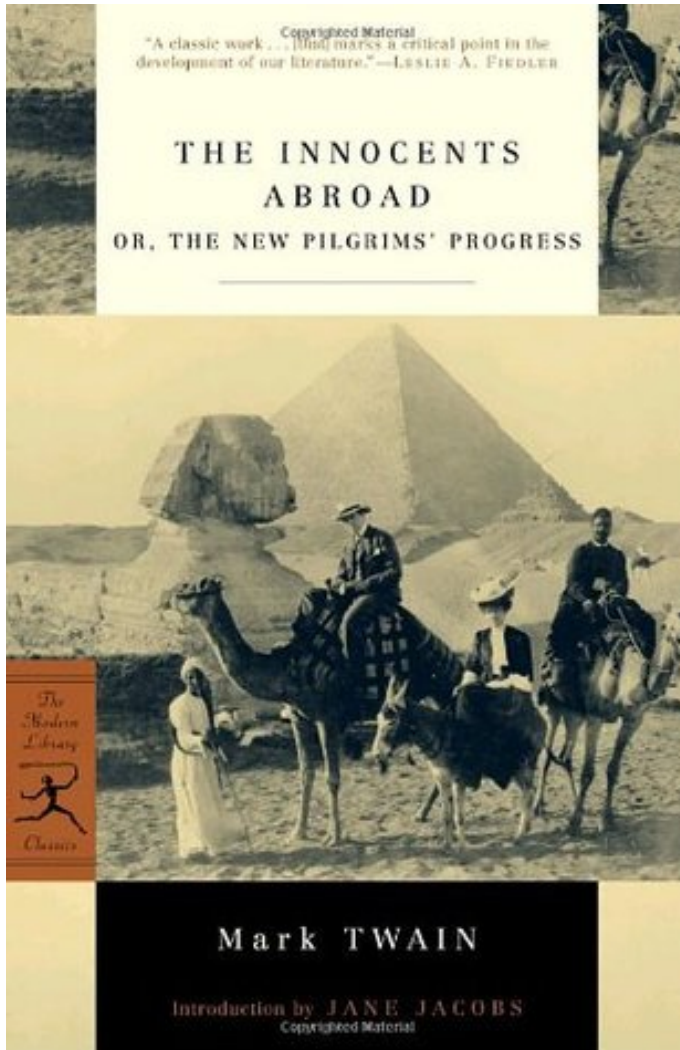

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The Innocents Abroad



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Description

The Innocents Abroad is one of the most prominent and influential travel books ever written about Europe and the Holy Land.

Insightful reviews

Marita: This book was a very pleasant surprise. I've read the usual Mark Twain: Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. I had never even heard of this book before and read it only because it was the book for my book club. It's taken me quite awhile to finish it, but I am so glad I pushed through and determined to finish it.

It is in a very different style than what I went into it expecting it to have. I think I expected dry, dull, monotonous descriptions of his travels. Not only were his descriptions much more interesting than I pre-judged they would be, the descriptions were peppered with genuine, laugh-out-loud humor. I finished this book last night and have caught myself smiling or giggling to myself as I think about the book today as I go about my work.

One other thing-I don't know anything about Twain's religious upbringing or background. I have always had the impression that he was not a religious or spiritual man. However, I was impressed with his seeming knowledge of the Bible, particularly as I was reading his account of the Holy Land. Despite his making fun of a lot of religious practices and traditions that he observed as he traveled, he clearly had a core of Bible knowledge. That surprised me as well.

The only thing that could have improved this book for me would be listening to Mark Twain himself read it on audiobook. I can only imagine how much more that would have enhanced the reading experience of this book for me. In my literary fantasy world, I would love to go to dinner or coffee (or both) with Mark Twain. I think he would be a fascinating person to know and a fun friend. I can't wait to make my way through all of his books and find what surprises await me there.

Craig Williams: This book is absolutely hilarious! I've always loved Mark Twain, but I've never read any of his non-fiction work. His observations are scathingly sly and funny. As a stand-up comic, I feel it's important to study the works of Twain, as he is widely considered THE first stand-up comic (he made most of his money traveling town-to-town, telling funny anecdotes onstage). This book makes it clear why people would pay to see him speak live, as he is not only a gifted storyteller, but a funny man.

The book follows his exploits around the world on a pleasure cruise. Twain's accounts, in some ways, put me in mind of Hunter S. Thompson. He seems able to put himself outside of his experiences, and report them in an honest, funny, yet accurate, way. There are many laugh-out-loud moments, particularly Twain's tendency to refer to all of his guides as "Ferguson" (because he was unable, or simply unwilling, to remember and/or pronounce their real names). There is a chapter where he talks about the pranks he and his fellow travellers pull on all of their "Fergusons", wherein they ask a series of idiotic questions meant to confound and irritate the

guide, usually ending with one of Twain's troupe asking (in reference to a famous person in history who has long since passed): "Now is... is he dead?" It surprised me to no end how the humor of the 1800s really wasn't that different from what we consider funny today (then again, after reading *The Miller's Tale*, from *The Canterbury Tales*, I shouldn't be too surprised by this revelation). What's great about Twain's sense of humor is that it can range from whimsically funny to very, very subtle.

If there is a slow point, it's when Twain tours through the Middle East. One gets the impression that he didn't take to the Middle East at all, always taking the time to describe the desolate scenery and the miserable people they encounter, who are almost always begging for money. Twain pulls no punches regarding his disdain for the culture, one time even saying, "Rags, wretchedness, poverty, and dirt... those signs and symbols that indicate Moslem rule more surely than the crescent flag itself." Believe me, that's one of his kinder sentiments (though I am hard pressed to disagree with the man). At anyrate, his travel through the Middle East begins to feel a little monotonous, which no doubt reflected Twain's own feeling of actually traveling through the Middle East.

Still, when all was said and done, and the book was over, I was sad to see it end. I began to feel as if I were on that ship with Twain, experiencing this amazing journey right next to him.

Lemar: The best travel book I have ever read. Paul Theroux and so many more following his wake. This book full of genial humor that ends up telling us more about the travelers, Americans, than about the places he goes.

Sherrie: Twain "lost me" in the course of the moment half the trip, whilst the pilgrims head for the Holy Land. Seeing as how I spent 12 years in Catholic college (16 for those who count number attending a Jesuit collage too) i discovered all of the Bibleland stuff horribly tedious and never very amusing. Plus traveling with Twain isn't really as awesome as one could think! he's close-minded, evaluating every little thing in Europe to the dimensions of items again in the US (Lake Tahoe is a reoccurring reference point) and is usually in a nasty temper whilst he discovers that what he has learn in consultant books is all thoroughly untrue. he's unmoved by means of the masterworks of the Renaissance yet spends loads of time speaking concerning the stipulations of the roads as they travel. might you must be caught on a cruise send with a man who's consistently speaking approximately how giant the kingdom of Missouri is? The irony of all of this can be - a sentence approximately commute from this booklet is frequently quoted as encouragement to get one to travel: "Travel is deadly to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and plenty of of our humans want it sorely on those accounts."

Mike: while I lived in Madrid years in the past I used to shop for pistachios from an Iranian refugee in Retiro Park. i do not remember his name, yet i made a decision to name him Stan. It drove him crazy, yet I referred to as him Stan anyway. Why did I name him Stan? One word: Ferguson. Ferguson is each journey advisor that graces the pages of Mark Twain's *The Innocents Abroad*. the writer and his cohort name their courses Ferguson, no matter if in Paris or in Athens. The identify drives every one Ferguson crazy, yet they do it anyway. And whatever the site, or museum, their perspective prior to the continues to be of a few long-ago Renaissance guy is the same: "Is . . . is he dead?" This additionally drives the Fergusons

crazy. Is this admirable? No, however it epitomizes the event of USA citizens abroad. It really is brash, displaying immediately disdain for and mystery envy of the previous world, its people, and its institutions. This is the ebook that instilled in me a wanderlust that also afflicts me, even supposing I've got not often been in a position to fulfill it. I wished to shuttle the realm and make contact with my publications Ferguson. I nonetheless do.

Lyndie Blevins: e-book name *The Innocents Abroad* Book writer Mark Twain Publisher Readers Digest Pub. yr 1869 Pages 432 Genre go back and forth ?????? Ease of learn reasonably effortless ISBN 089577339201 was once interested in this publication because... I must examine touring via sea in 1867. This ebook used to be the precise resolution to profit approximately touring in Europe during this time period, in addition to an idea of writing within the time period. Mark Twain went on a Grand travel of Europe and the Holy Lands in 1867. This publication met all my study needs. This booklet used to be about... Mark Twain had a chance to take a Grand journey of Europe and the Holy Lands at the Quaker urban with sixty four different Americans. The voyage took approximately six months. He relates the adventure of the journey in his personal words. He despatched newspaper studies through the voyage. As cholera was once rampant in lots of locations they visited, they generally skilled quarantines in lots of ports lasting quite a few time periods. A few have been over nights and others the place they have been thoroughly blocked from coming into and needed to stream on. While the period of time used to be short, Twain was once continuously within the staff which controlled to enter city anyway. As humor frequently does, Twain's method of classical art, old destinations and sacred paintings and places, published a large amount of fact missing in writing that respects the traditions of those objects. Spoiler Alert: there's totally no political correctness during this book. (Makes you ask yourself what Mark Twain could do today.) When you are Muslim, Catholic, Mormon, good now not Protestant, French, Russian, good no longer American, American Indian, Police, and different teams I didn't choose up on, and a member of Congress, learn this e-book with caution. Issues I cherished approximately this book... I confess. I've got a similar humorousness as Mark Twain. So I loved the best way he documented the trip, his fellow tourists and the areas they visited. He frequently drew parallels to destinations he visited to locations in America. I discovered this very helpful. He used Lake Tahoe numerous times. I do know the 1st time I visited Lake Tahoe within the lifeless of winter, I presumed it should be the main great position on earth. I discovered the comparisons of alternative localities on point. It additionally helped me have a greater comprehend the scale of the panorama he was once describing. For those who change fuel lighting fixtures with electrical lighting and horses/carriages with mini-vans, you will imagine you have been examining a couple of journey today. (Although it'd be fascinating to work out the Holy Lands on donkey/horseback. If I am getting an opportunity to return to Europe and stopover at the Holy Lands, I'm taking this e-book with me. Why you have to learn this book... this can be thought of the simplest shuttle booklet ever written. In line with Leslie Fiedler, who wrote the in a while within the Readers Digest Edition, "it grew to become an immediate top vendor (.429)"... "and for a very long time it outsold all of Twain's different books, together with *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. (p. 430)" The prose might be wonderful. After one draw on a Turkish narghile pipe, he writes, "For the subsequent 5 mins I smoke at each pore, like a body condominium that's on hearth at the inside." (p. 240) Recently, I've learn a few posts on how memoirs can be an effective way to wreck under consideration as a major writer. This publication took Mark Twain from a 'newspaperman' right into a specialist author in Twain's mind, in addition to the final public.

within the Afterward, Fiedler says this is often the booklet the place Samuel Clemens discovered his voice as Mark Twain. As a writer, it truly is well worth the learn to determine that voice develop. This publication lived as much as the again disguise replica Actually, i've got this publication on my Kindle and that i acquired my demanding replica from Half-Price Books, so I don't have a again cover. It did dwell as much as what I learn on the web and to the reviews within the in a while by means of Leslie Fiedler. in the event that your reproduction has the Afterward, i might suggest interpreting it first.

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