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BIOGRAPHY OF AUTHOR

Sa sel Langhorne Clements. who wrote under the pen name Mark wain, was born in the little town of Florida. Missouri, on November, 30, 1835, shortly after his family had moved there from Tennessee. When he was about four, the famil moved again, this time to Hannibal. Missouri, a small tow (about five hundred persons) on the Mississippi eighty miles from St. Louis. Hannibal was dusty and quiet with forests nearby. The steamboats which passed daily were its main contact with the outside world. Samuel Comens spent his boyhood in Hannibal and immortalised this sleepy little village as St. Petersburg in The Ad entures of Tom Sawyer.

Cl hens' father was from Virginia originally. He was a law or by profession but was unsuccessful at this and also t land speculation, by which he hoped to become wealthy. It was highly intelligent, but stern, and had little report with his son Sam. Clemens mother, a Southern elle in her youth, had a natural sense of humor, was emotional, and was particularly fond of animals and unfortunals human beings. Although the family was very poor, Sam had a generally happy childhood.

Twin's pessimism about mankind was not, of course, a thing chis youth. When his father died in 1847, Twain left school and become a printer's apprentice. Twain, now

master of a trade which ensured that he could get a job whenever here was a newspaper.

By 1859 he had fulfilled a boyhood dream by becoming fully qualified sea pilot. His experiences on the river are recounted in Liffe on the mississippi, a book which is an expanded versin of the story Old Times On The Hississippi.

In 1863, Twain wrote his first humorous piece under the pen - name of Mark Twain. In 1865, the publication of a short piece entitled "Jim smiley and his Jumping frog", first in New York paper and then in papers all over the United States, established Twaom's reputation as a humorist

Firm his journey of the Holy land 1867, he drew the material or the novel which made his reputation once and for all. The Innocents Abroad (1869). This was a collection of the letters he had written on the voyage for the benefit, of American newspaper readers. Through-out the novel the tone is consistently humorous, at the expense of the narrator himself and his fellow-passengers.

I 1876, Mark Twain has written novel The Adventure of Tom S. yer. It is exactly his autobiographical novel, using a string he knew intimately. The characters in this novel dr. In from his family and friend that he grewup with, an incidents that really happened. However, the book is inch more than just a record of a boy growing up in a small river town of the 1840s. Twain took ingredients

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from his buth and contructed one of the most entertaining and delig tful volumes ever written. It transcends time and place and becomes universal in its revelation of human nature an its creation of a boy world, with fears, fantasies and limited viewpoint. Twain tells excellent stories, ccurately describes nature, and warmly satirizes accepted astitutions in a style that is note worthy for its clear ass and readability.