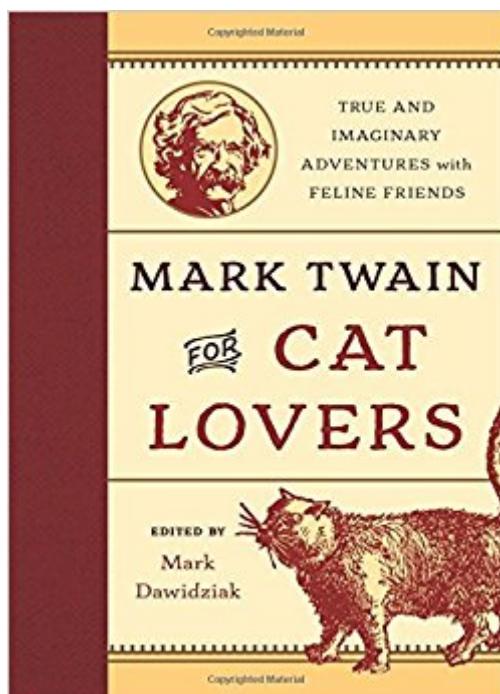


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# Mark Twain For Cat Lovers: True And Imaginary Adventures With Feline Friends



## Synopsis

America is cat crazy, and Mark Twain may have been the American writer most crazy about cats. From his boyhood in Hannibal, Missouri, to his last years in Connecticut, Mark Twain spent much of his life surrounded by cats, and they stalk through many of his best-known books, including *The Innocents Aboard*, *Roughing It*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, and *Pudd'nhead Wilson*. In this lighthearted book, Twain scholar Mark Dawidziak explores the writer's lifelong devotion to cats through stories, excerpts, quotes, photos, and illustrations, illuminating a little-known side of this famous writer's life that will appeal to Twain aficionados and cat lovers alike.

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"Nobody gets Mark Twain the way Mark Dawidziak does." • Ken Burns, award-winning documentary filmmaker  
"Mark has got mighty dedicated to the restoration of Twain into our thinking and has pursued a trail of scholarship which led him to deeply research the man we so admire." • Hal Holbrook, actor  
"Mark Twain's Guide is such a fun read that the only thing dry about it is the ink." • David Bianculli, television critic and guest host for NPR's Fresh Air

Mark Dawidziak is an expert on Mark Twain. A recognized Twain scholar, he has written/edited two books on Twain, with a third (Mark Twain's Guide to Diet, Exercise, Beauty, Fashion, Investment, Romance, Health & Happiness) to be released this June by Prospect Park Books. He

has delivered papers at the State of Mark Twain Studies Conference, spoken about Twain at museums and conferences, and performed on stage as Twain for more than thirty years.

Dawidziak has done a fantastic job of mining Mark Twain's writings for this outstanding collection of comments and stories and musings about cats. Some of the sources are extremely rare and will be new to many readers as well as Mark Twain scholars. In addition, Dawidziak has included extremely rare photos of Mark Twain with some of the cats in his life as well as some of Mark Twain's own pen and ink sketches of his cats. Superb job!

A gift to my granddaughter. no response yet

Bought this for my husband who is a Mark Twain and cat lover...he enjoyed it!

I got this as a gift for my dad to open Christmas morning, and he loved it immediately. We are a family that enjoys reading flowery language aloud, and he stopped opening gifts to start reading passages out loud to us. It was really great!

Twain is hilarious!!

Nice collection.

For a person such as me who is both a cat lover and a huge fan of Mark Twain, this is the perfect book! Mark Twain is well known as a fervent cat lover himself and is also known to have written a lot about cats, but the full range of his writings on cats on display in this volume is a revelation. Even those already well familiar with his writings will find many surprises here. In any case, having so many of his cat stories and anecdotes collected in one place is a delight. The book contains 40 stories and extracts, plus a lot of witty quotes. Better still, Mark Dawidziak's well informed and own witty commentaries put the texts in context and add to the fun. And finally, if all that isn't enough, the handsome volume is lavishly illustrated with photographs and drawings. Who would have guessed there were so many pictures of Mark Twain with cats? I shouldn't have to add that most of them are a lot of fun! If there are any cat lovers in your life, this book would make a perfect gift. But, hey ... why not start by giving a copy to yourself? Now ... I need to get my hands on that companion volume. MARK TWAIN FOR DOG LOVERS! Wow! What's next? "Mark Twain for Horse Lovers"?

One can only hope!

This is a gift for a cat lover...that which I am not! Nice sturdy book, nice cover material. I do love Mark Twain.

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