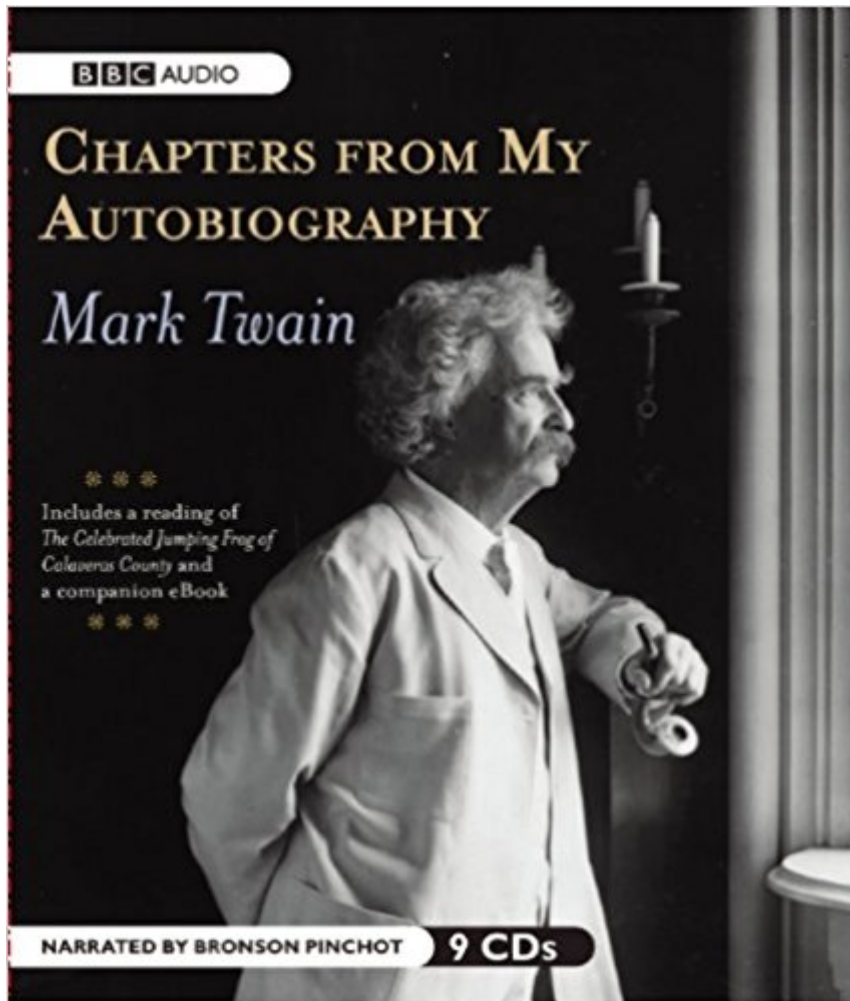




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Chapters From My Autobiography



Synopsis

From Twain himself: “I intend that this autobiography shall become a model for all future autobiographies when it is published, after my death, and I also intend that it shall be read and admired a good many centuries because of its form and method—a form and method whereby the past and the present are constantly brought face to face, resulting in contrasts which newly fire up the interest all along, like contact of flint with steel. Moreover, this autobiography of mine does not select from my life its showy episodes, but deals mainly in the common experiences which go to make up the life of the average human being, because these episodes are of a sort which he is familiar with in his own life, and in which he sees his own life reflected and set down in print. The usual, conventional autobiographer seems to particularly hunt out those occasions in his career when he came into contact with celebrated persons, whereas his contacts with the uncelebrated were just as interesting to him, and would be to his reader, and were vastly more numerous than his collisions with the famous.”

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Mark Twain (1835-1910) was born Samuel L. Clemens in the town of Florida, Missouri. One of the most popular and influential authors our nation has ever produced, his keen wit and incisive satire earned him praise from both critics and peers. He has been called not only the greatest humorist of his age but also the father of American literature.

Twain's mastery of the English language is amazing. His descriptive episodes make fun and

amusing reading. Highly recommend this book.

The Author, The Lecturer,...the Comedian, and the Father who brought tears to my eyes when he describes the passing of his favorite daughter. I felt every bit of his grief and walked through his life with him. Great read and I loved reading every bit of his real life.

What a good natured romp! The book is a collection of remembrances from a long and eventful life told with warmth and humor. Oh, such humor. I smiled, I laughed, I shook my head with appreciation of his wry way of telling ANY story. So human. So sweet.

Mark Twain really needs no introduction for any lover of English literature. This reader thoroughly enjoyed the author's inclusion of his daughter's own diary of her father, the eminent Mark Twain. Fascinating insights from a young girl. Twain's revealing story of an evening with the German Chancellor of the time, and Twain's frustrations over his inability to break a strong social pattern of a guest being subservient to his host was worth its weight in gold. Priceless example of his many-faceted life. Worth the read - and a repeat.

Once I got accustomed to his quaint way of writing, I found so much to smile at or laugh aloud! Of course, he was also a southern writer and they place high on my list of must reads.

I like most of Mark Twain's writings. It is amazing to me how contemporary his outlook still is today!

This book has really good memorable parts interspersed with parts I probably won't bother to read again. I will remember the good parts, though, for the rest of my life, and I marked them to read over- again and again- aloud- to any person I can tie down.

smart, witty, and at times moving.

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