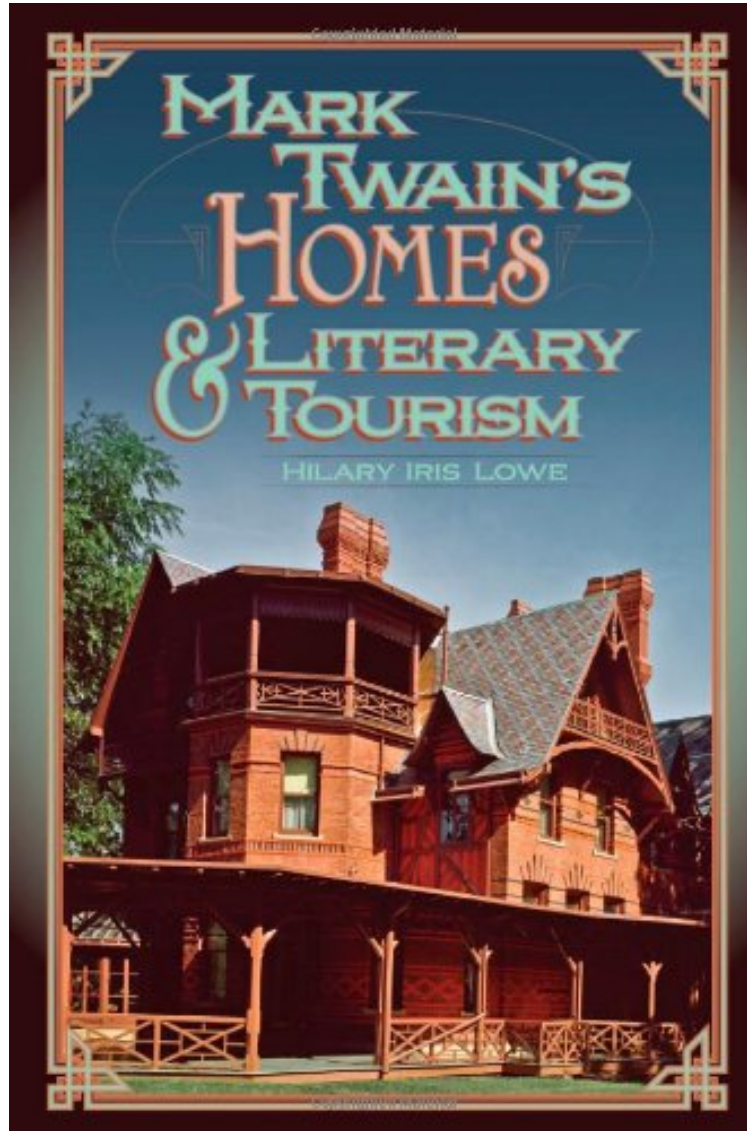


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A century after Samuel Clemens' death, Mark Twain thrives; his recently released autobiography topped bestseller lists. One way fans still celebrate the first true American writer and his work is by visiting any number of Mark Twain destinations. They believe they can learn something unique by visiting the places where he lived. *Mark Twain's Homes and Literary Tourism* untangles the complicated ways that Clemens' houses, now museums, have come to tell the stories that they do about Twain and, in the process, reminds us that the sites themselves are the products of multiple agendas and, in some cases, unpleasant histories.

*Mark Twain's Homes and Literary Tourism* is a thought-provoking book that will be of use to any museum professional, historian or otherwise, who aims to find some truth embedded in a place and interpret it for the public. Lowe has researched deeply and well, and this book does a fine job of peeling back the surface of these sites to reveal that each is, in her words, a careful, mediated piece of Mark Twain. Kathleen Corbett, *The Public Historian* "An interesting study worth reading for anyone interested in Twain or literary tourism. Jennifer Nader, *American Literary Realism*" "With this book, Samuel Clemens' life and the literature he wrote under the pen name Mark Twain can actually be read anew through Lowe's provocative approach to literary tourism. As Lowe illustrates in her reading of Mark Twain's homes, fact and fiction are often intertwined at literary destinations where tourists connect with an author's personal history. Lowe's interdisciplinary approach will make her book a valuable addition to courses in public history, American studies, and literature classes."