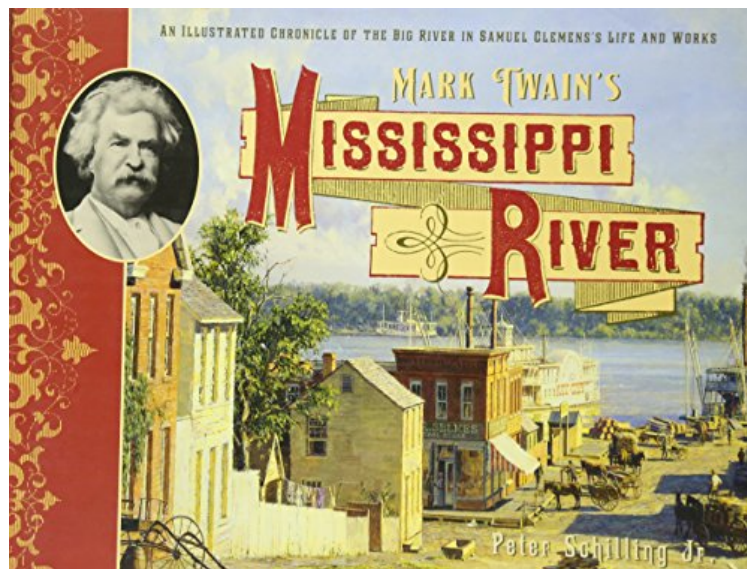


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Combine the wild waters of the Mississippi River and wordsmith Mark Twain, and what have you got? Some of the most famous and familiar literary works in American history, including *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Gilded Age*, and *Life on the Mississippi*. Twain spent the first half of his life on and around the river, from his boyhood home in Hannibal, Missouri, to his years as a steamboat pilot, during which he traveled up and down the river as far south as New Orleans. Commemorating one of America's most beloved authors and the landscape he portrayed in his works, *Mark Twain's Mississippi River* includes illustrations from various editions of his books, both fiction and nonfiction; maps; historical photographs; landscape paintings of the river and its inhabitants; and modern photography of towns and countryside, showing how much the landscape has changed (or hasn't) since the days of *Huckleberry Finn*. Filled with excerpts, quotations, newspaper clippings, and commentaries, this book is full of historical information about the life of Samuel Clemens, his literary creations, and the river that figured so prominently in both. With over 200 beautiful photos and a knowledgeable narrative written by Twain scholar and author R. Kent Rasmussen, *Mark Twain's Mississippi River* is simply a joy to read for anyone who loves to discover the reality behind the writer.