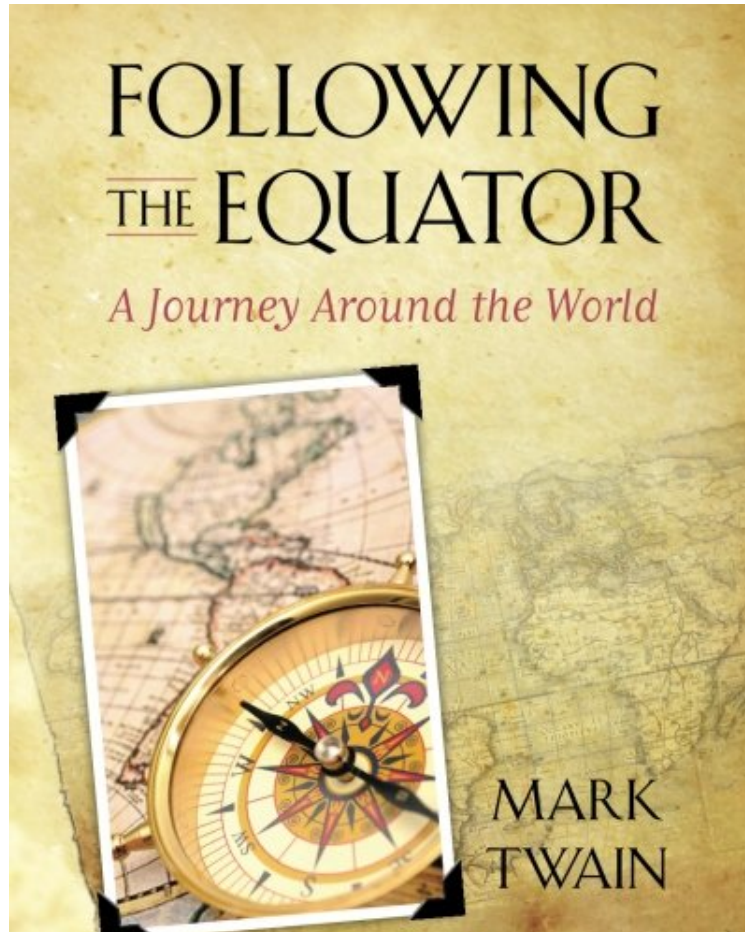


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Mark Twain toured the British Empire in 1895, during which time he began concocting a travelogue about the experience that was published in 1897. Twains narrative spans the globe, from Australia to Hawaii. Full of tall-tales and real-life criticisms of imperialist arrogance, *Following the Equator: A Journey Around the World* is written with Twains characteristic wit and enthusiasm for a good, entertaining story.