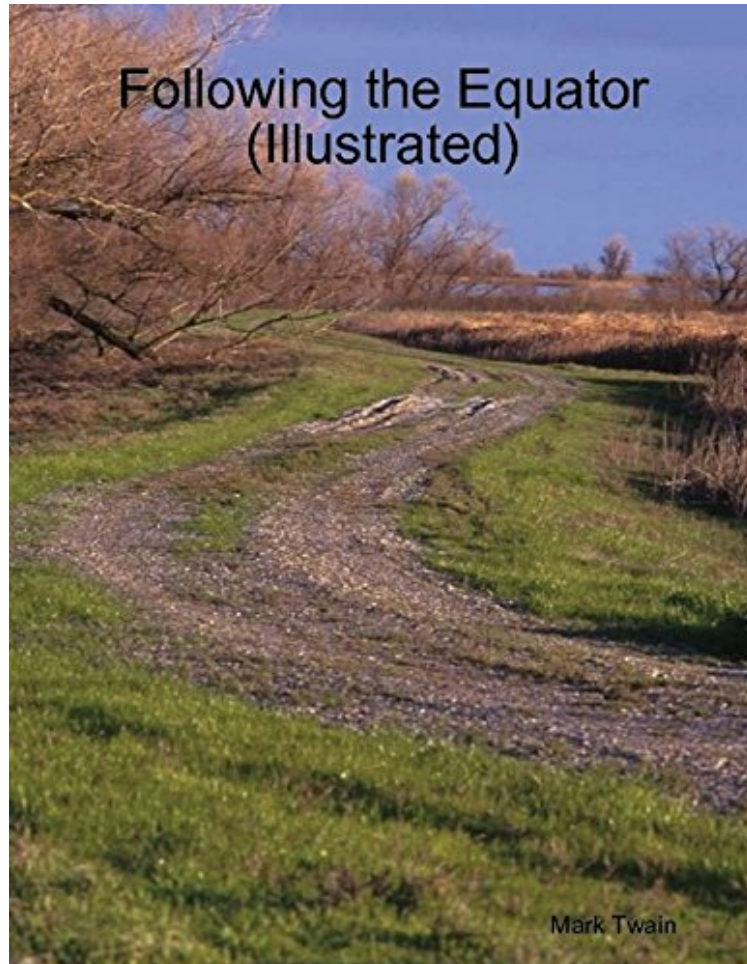


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Little read book from a master.By Green EricI am enjoying every word of Mark Twain's book about his around-the-world lecture tour. His insight into the world as it was at the time of his journey provides a great snapshot of that time. I have to wonder about those who claim the book is hard to read; among the worthwhile books I've read in my life, this one ranks as being fairly easy to read. His style is slightly reminiscent of Paul Theroux, who incidentally recommends the book in one of his. I highly recommend Following the Equator for anyone who wants to know more about Mr. Clemens or the world at the time in which he lived.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Relatively Unknown Gem by the World's Most-Loved HumoristBy JTCThis title was unknown to me when a friend, who had found it for almost nothing at a used book store. As a fan of Twain since college, when I finally matured enough to appreciate his unique brand of humor, I read and re-read his classic gems and taught them to my high school classes with genuine fervor. I always began the study of Huck Finn

with an explanation of Twain's world, and how he detested the culture of racism that followed emancipation. Anyway, as I read this little-known book, I found it not only an insightful look at cultures around the world, but also another clever and just plain old Twain-esque humor-filled volume; I frequently recommend it to friends. Try a sample if you have a Kindle, or download it for free or almost free and enjoy this bit of escape as you circle the equator with the most loved humorist of his--or any-- era. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A tale from another era. By Tsarat Overall I enjoyed the book. Since it is written so long ago, it is an archaic style. At times it is hard to tell when he is being sarcastic and when he is simply expressing views from another century. I had most looked forward to when he reached South Africa since I had lived there for 20 years. But I was most disappointed with that section. He gave it the least color and was almost dismissive. It called into question the validity of the rest of his adventure. Nonetheless, I enjoyed the portion of the journey through Asia.

Following the Equator (sometimes titled More Tramps Abroad) is a non-fiction travelogue published by American author Mark Twain in 1897. Twain was practically bankrupt in 1894 due to a failed investment into a "revolutionary" typesetting machine. In an attempt to extricate himself from debt of \$100,000 (equivalent of about \$2.5 million in 2010) he undertook a tour of the British Empire in 1895, a route chosen to provide numerous opportunities for lectures in the English.

Optimized for the MobiPocket Reader, this is a very special edition of Mark Twain's "Following the Equator." If you click on one of the words in the text, a convenient pop-up window appears with an English thesaurus for that word, which comes from Webster's Online Dictionary (www.websters-online-dictionary.org). Running throughout the text, uncommon English words are highlighted in blue that are likely to be found in examinations in English Language Programs (ELP), English as a Foreign Language (EFL) programs, or in English as a Second Language Programs (ESL). The highlighted vocabulary words are also likely to be found in Advanced Placement-(AP-), TOEFL-, TOEIC-, SAT-, PSAT- , GMAT-, LSAT-, GRE-, or similar examinations. TOEFL-, TOEIC-, GRE-, AP- and Advanced Placement- are trademarks of the Educational Testing Service; PSAT- is a registered trademark of the College Entrance Examination Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; SAT- is a registered trademark of the College Board; GMAT- is a registered trademark of the Graduate Management Admissions Council; LSAT- is a registered trademark of the Law School Admissions Council. All rights reserved. These organizations neither sponsored nor are affiliated with this product.

About the Author Mark Twain, born Samuel Langhorne Clemens, was an American humorist and writer, who is best known for his enduring novels *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, which has been called the Great American Novel. Raised in Hannibal, Missouri, Twain held a variety of jobs including typesetter, riverboat pilot, and miner before achieving nationwide attention for his work as a journalist with *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*. He earned critical and popular praise for his wit and enjoyed a successful career as a public speaker in addition to his writing. Twain's works were remarkable for his ability to capture colloquial speech, although his adherence to the vernacular of the time has resulted in the suppression of his works by schools in modern times. Twain's birth in 1835 coincided with a visit by Halley's Comet, and Twain predicted, accurately, that he would go out with it as well, dying the day following the comet's return in 1910.