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As Mark Twain, Samuel Clemens straddled the conflicts between culture

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and commerce that characterized the era he named the Gilded Age. In ""Littery Man"", Richard Lowry examines how Twain used these conflicts in his major texts to fashion an ""autobiography of authorship,"" a narrative of his ownclaims to literary authority at that moment when the American Writer emerged as a profession. Drawing on wide range of cultural genres--popular boys' fiction, childbearing manuals, travel narratives, autobiography, and criticism and fiction of the period--Lowry reconstructs how Twain participated inrem