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Twain is America's best known humorous writer, yet many commentators have thought of humor as merely an attractive surface feature of Twain's writings. Kolb shows that humor is at the center of Twain's talent, his successes, and his limitations, and it is as a humorist that he is best understood.
