1. Record Nr. UNINA9910955990603321 Autore Railton Stephen <1948-> Titolo Mark Twain: a short introduction / / Stephen Railton Pubbl/distr/stampa Malden, MA, : Blackwell Pub., 2004 **ISBN** 9780470690215 9780470779927 0470779926 Descrizione fisica 132 p.: ill Collana Blackwell introductions to literature Disciplina 818/.409 Soggetti Humorous stories, American - History and criticism Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. This book introduces Mark Twain through close readings of his seven Sommario/riassunto major works, including Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, Connecticut Yankee and Pudd'nhead Wilson. * Introduces Mark Twain through close readings of his seven major works, including Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, Connecticut Yankee and Pudd'nhead Wilson. Investigates the tension between the real-life person, Samuel Clemens, and the fictional person, Mark Twain. * Provides an original reading of Twain's obsession with performance and popularity. the significance of Twain's books for American culture and identity. * Illustrated with images from first editions of Twain's works.

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