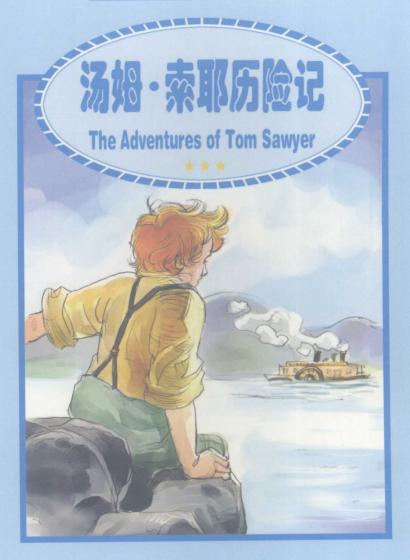
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我们的中小学同学若能轻轻松松读懂这套英文简易读物,不去孤立地 死记硬背一个个单词,而是用英语笔写口述来反馈整体的故事内容,依我 看至少也该有两千左右的单词可供活用。作为初学者,那也属相当了不起 了。

复旦大学杰出教授 陆谷孙

有益的书籍不仅能丰富孩子的阅历, 触发细腻的情感, 启发敏锐的洞察力, 发展对真善美的感知力, 更能培养孩子自觉读书、深入思考、发展思维和善于表达的能力。愿这套"中国学生英语文库"能为孩子们思维和语言的发展插上翅膀。

北京师范大学教授 王 蕃

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# THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER

# Introduction

#### Mark Twain

The writer's real name was Samuel Clemens. He was born in 1835 in the state of Missouri, not very far from the little town of Hannibal. Hannibal, on the west bank of the Mississippi River, is the "St Petersburg" of this book. It was then a village (though it is sometimes called a "town" in this book), but it is now a town of about 19,000 people.

Sam's boyhood in Hannibal seems to have been quite happy, though they were rough times in such a place on the edge of civilised America. He was only twelve when his father died, and he had to start work in his older brother's printing works. It was not exciting work for a lover of action, and Sam was glad to change from printing to piloting the Mississippi River steamboats. It was important and difficult work. The water was often not deep enough for a big steamboat, and rain or dry weather farther up the river could make a difference to the speed of the river water as well as to its depth.

Sam Clemens was happy as a river pilot. But the Civil War between North and South (1861 – 65) put an end to the great days of the river boats. Sam became a newspaper reporter, choosing to write, not as Samuel Clemens, but as "Mark Twain". This was the call of the river-boat leadsman when he tested the depth of the water with his line

# 简介

#### 马克・吐温

作者的真名是塞缪尔·克莱门斯。他 1835年生于密苏里州,离汉尼巴尔小镇不 太远。汉尼巴尔位于密西西比河的西岸, 是本书中的"圣彼得斯堡"。当时它还是个 村庄(尽管在本书中它有时被称作"镇"), 不过现在是座大约 19000 人的镇了。

萨姆在汉尼巴尔的童年似乎很幸福,尽管当时在这样一个处于文明美国边缘的地方日子很艰难。他年仅12岁时父亲就死了,不得不开始在哥哥的印刷所工作。对一个爱动的人来说,那工作没劲,所以萨姆很高兴不干印刷,改行去给密西西比河蒸汽轮船导航。这种工作重要而艰难。对大汽船来说河水常常不够深,河上游的雨水或者干旱天气会影响到河水的流速和水深。

civilised 文明的

pilot 領航 steamboat 蒸汽轮船

leadsman 测深员 and found it was two fathoms deep, which was enough for a large steamboat (1 fathom = 1.83 metres).

It was as a newspaper reporter that Mark Twain joined a ship taking some of the earliest American tourists to Europe and the East. Out of that came his first full-length book, The Innocents Abroad (1869). It was a very funny book, and it showed Americans that they could laugh at themselves. In the book, Mark Twain's tourists visit place after place and judge everything, not for historical or artistic values, but comparing the things seen with things in their own experience. One of their judgements that readers enjoyed was about the great artist Leonardo da Vinci:

They spell it Vinci and pronounce it Vinchy; foreigners always spell better than they pronounce.

The success of that book made it possible for Mark Twain to end his work as a newspaper reporter, and spend his time writing books. His two most famous books are this one: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1876), and — much later, in 1884 — The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. The setting for both is the great Mississippi River that had meant so much to Samuel Clemens as a boy and as a young man.

## The Mississippi River

The name Mississippi means "Father of waters" in the Algonquin Indian language. The river, 3,779 kilometres long, begins at a height of 446 metres in the state of Minnesota. It flows at first between high cliff-like banks, then through valleys which are thickly forested. It receives water from a number of other rivers, including the Illinois and America's longest river, the Missouri. These rivers

深时发出的呼喊。

正是作为一名报社记者,马克·吐温乘上了一艘将一些最早的美国游客送往欧洲和东方的轮船。从该次旅行,产生了他的第一部完整的书:《傻子国外旅行记》(1869)。此书很有趣,向美国人显示了他们可以自嘲。在书中,马克·吐温的游客们游览了一个又一个地方,对一切评头论足,不是评论其历史或艺术价值,而是把他们看到的事情与自己经历过的事情进行比较。受读纳客·达·芬奇的:

他们把他的名字拼成Vinci,却念成Vinchy;外国人总是拼写比发音好。

该书的成功使马克·吐温得以结束报社记者的工作而专门写书。他最著名的两本书是本书,即《汤姆·索耶历险记》(1876)和许久后出版的《哈克贝里·芬历险记》(1884)。两书的背景都是浩瀚的密西西比河,它对童年和年轻时的塞缪尔·克莱门斯意义重大。

### 密西西比河

密西西比在印第安阿尔贡金语中的意思是"众水之父"。该河长 3779 公里,发源于明尼苏达州一个海拔 446 米高的地方。最初它流淌在峭壁般高耸的河岸之间,然后穿过树木茂密的山谷。这条河从其他一些河流得到水源补给,包括伊利诺伊河和美国最长的河,密苏里河。这些河流形成了美国中部的移民之路。从1812年汽船

innocent

头脑简单者,笨蛋

setting

(书中情节发生 的)背景

cliff

悬崖,峭壁

formed the way for the settlement of the central United States. When steamboats arrived, from 1812, there was a great increase in travel and trade.

A place like Hannibal (Mark Twain's "St Petersburg") would be visited by steamboats carrying passengers or goods up or down the river. The people would also see great rafts of logs from the forests on the banks. Several men would live on these rafts, taking them down the river to the sawmills at the ports.

The river, then, was very important in the life of a place like Hannibal. And that is why, in play, a boy like Ben Rogers "was the *Big Missouri*, a great river steamboat nearly three metres deep in the water. He was the steamboat, and the captain, and the engine-room bells."

#### The Cave

There is a cave south of Hannibal that is very much like the "McDougal's Cave" of this story. The real cave, McDowell's Cave, is visited every year by thousands of tourists. They don't use candles now, and they don't get lost. They visit it because it has real wonders — rather like the "Hall", the "Great Church", "Aladdin's Palace" and other wonders of "McDougal's Cave" — but mainly they go because it is important in a favourite book: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.