

# Mark Twain at the Movies

## Feature Films:

### [The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn](#) (1960)

Directed by the famed Michael Curtiz, known for his work on films like *Casablanca* and *Angels with Dirty Faces*, this adaptation of the great American novel is worth watching. While not a faithful adaptation, the film's supporting cast, including Tony Randall and Buster Keaton, are memorable, and Archie Moore as run-away slave Jim is truly outstanding. MPAA Rating: G



Other filmed versions of *Huckleberry Finn*:

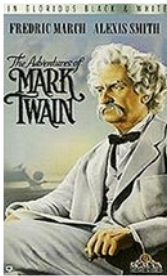
[The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn](#) (1939), Directed by Richard Thorpe, MPAA Rating: G

[Huckleberry Finn](#) (1974), Directed by J. Lee Thompson, MPAA Rating: G

[Huckleberry Finn](#) (1975), Directed by Robert Totten, MPAA Rating: NR

[The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn](#) (1985), Directed by Peter H. Hunt, MPAA Rating: NR

[The Adventures of Huck Finn](#) (1993), Directed by Stephen Sommers, MPAA Rating: PG



### [The Adventures of Mark Twain](#) (1944)

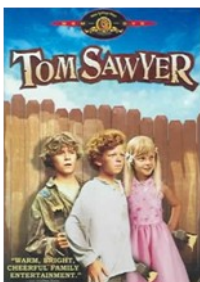
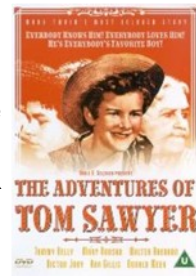
This Warner Brothers film stars Fredric March as Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) and Alexis Smith as his wife, Olivia. Although not entirely factual, the film is a convincing and moving portrait of Twain's life. The film went on to receive three Academy Award nominations. MPAA Rating: NR.

Another fictionalized version of Twain's life:

[The Adventures of Mark Twain](#) (1985), Directed by Will Vinton, MPAA Rating: G

### [The Adventures of Tom Sawyer](#) (1938)

David O. Selznick produced this adaptation of the novel, starring Tommy Kelly in the title role. This film is a perfect tribute to American boyhood, and to the continuing power of Twain's classic. MPAA Rating: NR



### [Tom Sawyer](#) (1973)

A musical version starring Johnny Whitaker as Tom Sawyer and Jodie Foster as Becky Thatcher. In this adaptation, Mark Twain's boy hero enters a cave with Huck and Becky to save Muff Potter, witness to murder. MPAA Rating: G

### [Ava's Magical Adventure](#) (1994)

Life's a bore 'til 10-year-old Eddie steals away with Ava--a 2-ton circus elephant! Suddenly it's hilarity and high adventure as everyone from the sheriff to the clowns join the hunt for a most unlikely pair of runaways. MPAA Rating: PG



### [Back to Hannibal](#) (1990)

Directed by Paul Krasny, MPAA Rating: NR

### [Charlie's Ghost: The Secret of Coronado](#) (1994)

Directed by Anthony Edwards, MPAA Rating: PG



### [A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court](#) (1949)

Bing Crosby stars in a musical version of this Twain novel. Transported back in time to the era of King Arthur and the Round Table, mechanic Hank falls in love, sings, and brings American-style technology to the British kingdom. MPAA Rating: NR

Other filmed versions of *A Connecticut Yankee*:

[A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court](#) (1931) , Directed by David Butler, MPAA Rating: NR

[A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court](#) (1952) , Directed by Franklin J. Schaffner, MPAA Rating: NR

[Bugs Bunny in King Arthur's Court](#) (1977), Directed by Chuck M. Jones, MPAA Rating: G

[A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court](#) (198?), Directed by David Tapper, MPAA Rating: NR

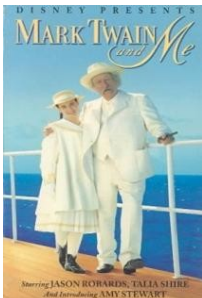
[A Young Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court](#) (1995) Directed by R.L. Thomas, MPAA Rating: NR

### [Life on the Mississippi](#) (1980)

Directed by Peter H. Hunt , MPAA Rating: NR

### [The Man that Corrupted Hadleyburg](#) (1980) )

Directed by Ralph Rosenblum, MPAA Rating: G



### [Mark Twain and Me](#) (1991)

Jason Robards stars in this tender-hearted story about youngster Dorothy Quick's encounter with a deceptively gruff, aging Mark Twain on a transatlantic voyage. MPAA Rating: NR

### [Mark Twain's Roughing It](#) (2001)

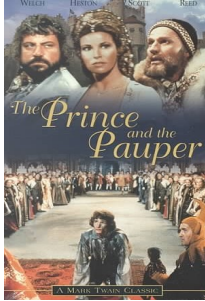
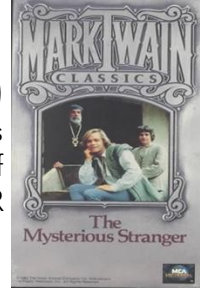
Directed by Charles Martin Smith , MPAA Rating: NR

### [A Million to Juan](#) (1994)

Directed by Paul Rodriguez , MPAA Rating: PG

### [The Mysterious Stranger](#) (1982)

Based on Twain's final, unfinished work, this film tells the story of a young printer's apprentice who longs to go back in time to the days of Guttenberg, and the origin of the printing press. MPAA Rating: NR



### [The Prince and the Pauper](#) (1977)

Oliver Reed, Raquel Welch, Ernest Borgnine, George C. Scott, Rex Harrison, and Charlton Heston appear in this star-studded adaptation of one of Twain's most charming books. When a young prince and a nearly identical poor boy change places, both learn to see life from a new perspective. The resulting mayhem as mistaken identities and errors compound make up one of Twain's greatest comedies. MPAA Rating: NR

Other filmed versions of *The Prince and the Pauper*:

[The Prince and the Pauper](#) (1937), Directed by William Keighley, MPAA Rating: NR

[The Prince and the Pauper](#) (1953), Directed by George Scribner, MPAA Rating: NR

[The Prince and the Pauper](#) (1962), Directed by Don Chaffey, MPAA Rating: NR

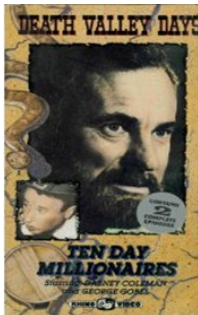
[The Prince and the Pauper](#) (1986), Directed by Chris Cuddington, MPAA Rating: NR

### [The Private History of a Campaign that Failed](#) (1981)

Directed by Peter H. Hunt, MPAA Rating: NR

### [Pudd'nhead Wilson](#) (1984)

Directed by Alan Bridges, MPAA Rating: NR



### [Death Valley Days: Ten Day Millionaires](#) (1968)

This rare episode of the Western radio and television anthology stars Tom Skerritt as a young Mark Twain mining gold with a young Dabney Coleman. When the two discover a gold vein that will make them rich, adventures and accidents follow. MPAA Rating: NR

### [Tom and Huck](#) (1995)

Directed by Peter Hewitt, MPAA Rating: PG

### [Unidentified Flying Oddball](#) (1979)

Directed by Russ Mayberry, MPAA Rating: G

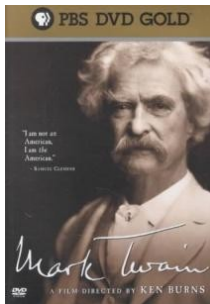
## Nonfiction & Documentary Films:

### [Death Runs Riot](#) (1996)

Directed by Stephen Ives, MPAA Rating: NR

### [Great American Authors Since 1650](#) (2007)

Directed by Scott Gordon, MPAA Rating: NR



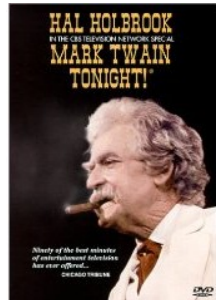
### [Ken Burns' Mark Twain](#) (2001)

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### [Mark Twain Tonight!](#) (1967)

This one-man show, featuring some of Twain's funniest lines and episodes, became a huge hit on Broadway before it was filmed for television. Hal Holbrook as Twain so perfectly captures the author that today many of us picture Holbrook when thinking about Twain. See this landmark production of an unforgettable performance.



### [Mark Twain; George Bernard Shaw; Hellen Keller](#) (19??)

Directed by David Wolper, MPAA Rating: NR

### [Mark Twain's America](#) (1990)

Directed by Donald Hyatt, MPAA Rating: NR