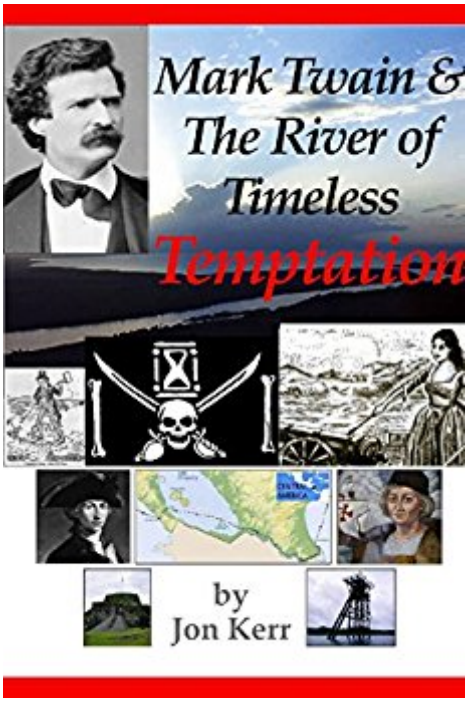
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Synopsis

Did Sammy Clemens sell his soul for Fame?In 1866 a young Mark Twain went on his first international trip, crossing Central America through Nicaragua on a popular route used by 49ers and others before the Panama Canal construction. His real-life travelogues included a mysterious companion named Mr. Brown. But what Clemens didn’t describe was Brown’s satanic purpose in taking them on a journey back in time, meeting other famous and local travelers in the Rio San Juan area including Cornelius Vanderbilt, future Lord Nelson, pirate Henry Morgan and even Christopher Columbus. Gathering experiences and story ideas, the future-great-author also has opportunities to disrupt the narrative of time. Will Sammy trade his soul for fame & fortune? Or will he rewrite history forever?

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Customer Reviews

Fun read. I love historical fiction. This book plays with the idea that Samuel Clemens’ may have struck a deal with the devil for his success, fame, remarkable life and timeless relevance.This

inventive, quirky (in the best ways), compact book takes the reader on an -like river journey based on a little known part of Clemens' actual life, including his first international trip. It takes place on Nicaragua's intriguing, but also little known, RÃƒÂ- o San Juan. The river essentially becomes a main character offering up story layered upon story. Traveling through time, Mark Twain crosses paths with an amazing array of historically significant characters who play a role in what may have been a soul sucking dance.In an unusual, off-beat style Kerr interweaves Twain's/Clemens' real words with the fictional Sammy's. While he identifies the source of each usage, it may confuse some readers. The ending leaves us hanging a bit, but hopefully that means the writer will continue to play with and further develop his curious idea. Given Mark Twain's globetrotting, there's plenty more actual history and imaginative storytelling to be done. Where to next for Mark Twain and his mysterious traveling companion, Mr. Brown?!?

Time traveling down the river with Mark Twain? Well, it isnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t the Mississippi, but the Rio San Juan and Lake Nicaragua, and the future-great-author isnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t alone on this voyage. He has a traveling companion who goes by the name of ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Mr. BrownÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•, who, for his own nefarious reasons, gives Twain a lesson in real history. Who knew that so many famous people, from different periods of time, would show up on this small and oft-forgotten part of the world? After reading Jon KerrÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Mark Twain and the River of Timeless TemptationÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•, youÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ll may never look at history in quite the same way again. Kerr blends his deep understanding of this region with a wonderfully clever and humorous writing style that moves this book along like a soft tropical breeze down the Rio San Juan. But it ainÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t all fun and games. Watch out for those sharks, some human, some not.

I really liked this book. Mr Kerr 's knowledge and clear affection for Twain are put expertly to the service of his story; and his choice of a wry, sarcastic voice for his narrator is a wise one. As another reviewer points out, this book fairly cries out for a sequel. I sure hope Mr Kerr obliges.

Jon Kerr is a truly talented writer. You will love this book!

The devil made me do it, says Mr. Brown, the narrator of this nicely conceived and well-written novel. The devil in this case is his uncle, Lucifer. Mr. Brown, who often handles earthly matters for the arch-fiend, meets Samuel Clemens in a mining camp in California, and recognizes some

qualities (ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“hubris and wanderlust were his weaknessÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•) that might make him vulnerable. The book chronicles BrownÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s effort to fulfill his mission, which he describes as ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“ my personal Prime Directive from Uncle L. Delivering Mark TwainÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s soul to Hades.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• They soon decamp to Central America, where they range far and wide in both space and time. Brown introduces young Sammy Clemens to predatory Yankees like William Walker and Cornelius Vanderbilt, the pirate Henry Morgan (a psychotic rummy, he and Sammy hit it off immediately) and a religious nut named Christopher Columbus. Together they gather attitudes and themes that will show up in the great writerÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s literature.

This is really kind of an amazing novel. So much going on here...stories about Mark Twain, devils, world history, time travel. Lots of good humor and stuff to think about. I look forward to reading more by this author in the future.

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