

GRANT

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TWAIN

THE STORY OF A FRIENDSHIP  
THAT CHANGED AMERICA

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15 months  
May 84 to July 85  
"most work  
finest work  
most creative in  
American writing  
history" - Grant  
Personal Memoirs and  
Back Finns  
Grant b. Apr. 22, 1822 (63)  
d. July 23, 1885  
1885 - Two Volumes  
Published

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cigars  
drink  
whittling  
"both loved money"  
Twain dies Apr. 21, 1910  
his companion had gone  
bankrupt.

Did you see Twain's  
notebooks p 104  
The Mississippi -  
talk about outport  
on Clemens  
Grant  
the country  

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Always slept  
in a chair

Sam Grant / Ferdinand Ward / Buck Grant

Ward took them to bankruptcy -

He worshiped money Grant and Ward - most successful financial firm in U.S. history.

James Fish of Maine Bank  
and US Grant added to firm

Friends both 3 homes for Grant - Galena / New York / D.C.

May 4, 1884 - Ward came to visit - Ward needed 150,000  
Grant borrow from Henry Vanderbilt. - Ward needed 600,000

Elkins (a lawyer) and Buck went to see Ward - kept them  
waiting for 5 hours - had his "shipper" on - They wanted a check  
for 400,000. Said he'd have it in the morning. - Ward flees -  
Bank's close their doors. Mob gathers - Ward flees -

Grant "I don't see how I can trust any human being again"

Twain worshiped Grant - first met 1866 - 10 years later.

Broke Grant up at Palmer Home dinner - later Oct 81  
had conversation in NYC with Grant about writing

said no at first - later May 5, 1884 when he went bankrupt  
started re thinking - sell his homes in Galena / Pulli / farm  
in Mo. and his personal memorabilia - Vanderbilt didn't take  
\$150,000 - Grant wanted his honor. / Grant took money offered

by veterans and friends -  
Both Grant and Twain believed it was men of money who ruled world  
between May 1884 (bankruptcy) and July 1885 (death) Twain and  
Grant would become best friends

Chap 1 - despised slavery - had 6 children

unconditional surrender for Simon Buchner Bolivar p29

Chap 2 6 children Twain

steamboat pilot - trip to New Orleans

brother killed  
Confederate soldier in 1861 - got out  
went to Nevada - 6 months silver prospector  
became journalist in Virginia City

Feb 3, 1863 - became Mark Twain

Went to Calif, Hawaii, New York, then the midwest  
became a humorist

Traveled on Quaker City to Europe / Jerusalem

Wrote The Innocents Abroad / Roughing It / The Mailed  
Age

Chap 2 -

Jumping Frog - moved to Hartford  
1868 - met Liny - wanted him to stop drinking / no cigar  
Olivia Susan born / Son Dies

Quarry Farm

Hartford home - 6 servants 19 rooms

1874 - begin work on Tom Sawyer. | It was not a success  
met and befriended John T. Lewis, a black man  
neighbor in Hartford with Harriet Beecher Stowe  
Henry Ward Beecher - Plymouth Church in Brooklyn  
trial for alleged adultery affair - bankrupted his church  
Twain - "human being is a stupidly constructed machine" p 50  
After Tilton/Beecher trial in 1876 began Huck Finn  
Wrote 16 chapters - put it away until 1884.

In June 84' Grant and family in Long Branch, N.J.  
Phillis Aug. pub. George Childs buys cottage for Grant  
28 rooms  
84' - money a problem - thought he should write memoirs  
Century Mag. asked Grant to write 4 articles  
Sherlock / Vicksburg / Wilderness / Lee's Surrender

Chap 4 continues -

In Huck Finn - very similar to Grant's trip down  
Miss. - Grant tried at Vicksburg 8 times - Huck  
and Jim came ashore 8 times before Jim freed.  
Traversed the entire Miss. - back to Hartford then to

Quarry Farm - finished book on Miss. 1882

Summer of 83' back to Huck  
Liny read the manuscript - vulgar words

Geo. Childs recommended to Grant he take Twain's  
20% of gross sales - would be largest  
ever paid an author \$40,000  
Didn't take \$10,000 advance -

Publishing all about money p 120

Chap 3 - Dr. John Hancock Douglas P. 65  
Oct 20 (?) 1884 - diagnosed - throat cancer  
moderated deal with Century for memoir - 10%  
royalty

3 cigars a day

Son Fred - editor - best friend

General Grant is doomed - did within a year

Adam Badeau - 3 volume History of War

Grant wanted his help. - He was writing  
a novel and didn't want to be derailed

Fred and Badeau acted as editors -

Grant worked in small room at 66th home  
from early morning to evening

Harrison Lyell Tyrrell. black servant, confidant  
did with anything

Used street car to go to the doctors until Badeau  
insisted he take carriage.

Twain stops by in Nov. - Twain told tales

\* Grant told stories Twain told tales  
How he convinced Grant to let him publish P 82

Twain - overheard two men talking about Grant's memoir  
on the New York street -

Went to Grant offered him double Century's price  
\$50,000

suggested he sell through subscription  
pay him 20% (instead of 10%) or 75% of profits

took Twain 9 years to finish Huck Finn.

Whitelaw Reid - New York Tribune - didn't  
like Twain - he set out to get revenge and

write a critical bio on him.

Left New York for St. Louis and his winter trip  
on Apr 17, 1882

Back to New Orleans - lots of poverty - still fighting  
the war - stopped when brother was burned and  
died on Pennsylvania

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Chap 4

A large reel for Twain - Chap 16 - (1876)

Why would a slave go south to seek freedom?

plagued Twain until 1883

Trip down Mississippi to see Grant's victory spots.

Search for wealth, illness -

3 daughters Susy Clara and Jean

12 months tour of Europe -

7 names at one  
time for his children

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Chap 1

Grant on God - worked on Sundays p179  
never doubted in public existence of God.  
religion he thought was becoming a major industry  
never baptized

Rev. John Phillip Newman - took credit for saving  
Grant. - Told reporter

Twain - public displays meant Lucifer not  
God was being hoaxed on the World.

Put up with Newman for Julia

Senator Jerome Chafetz - not cancer after all  
Garfield and doctors

Grant's cancer spread to gums / jaw  
"the silent men" - doctors didn't want to talk

Cocaine

B-day / 62nd / Apr. 27 - ride in Central Park

Badeau has falling out with Grant

World accuses Grant of leaving Ghostwritings  
Twain wants to see

\* Badeau's letter to Grant p198

wants more money

Grant's letter to Badeau calls him petulant

Chap 6 - Grant slowly dying from cancer  
Deaths watch outside his 66th st. home  
Julia thought work on memoirs made him weaker  
people played  
Old friends come to visit John Fremont -  
sons of R.E. Lee and Alfred Sidney Johnson  
Daughters Nellie / Gen. John Blackhawk Logan  
had his writers check for facts for article in Century  
Sherman tried to get a bill passed for Grant pension  
at last minute House and Senate pass pension bill.  
turn clock back  
\$13,500 a year - after death Julia \$5,000  
Grant's doctors John Douglas / Fordyce Barker / George  
Monte Mark -  
He finished Vicksburg article - dictated it <sup>shady</sup>  
wrote as many as 10,000 words in one day  
For Twain - not happy with money being paid for  
Century mag article - worried about rights  
Shuloh / Vicksburg / Chattanooga / Wilderness  
Smith said Grant owed title to article

March 20 Karl Gerhardt went with Twain to Grant's home  
He brought a clay bust from 9 photos - Julia loved it.  
He started sculpting in person - best likeness ever.  
March 25 - ~~choking~~ Choking fit - violent  
March 31 - thought he would die, but didn't  
Twain remained silent on Grant's work - wouldn't  
comment on it to Grant - Eventually he compared  
it to Caesar's Commentaries - Grant liked that.

"most important work of non-fiction in  
our literature" author p235

Julia died 1904.

became good friend of @Varina Davis - wife of J.P.  
12 grand children

Chap 8

\* Grant on Slavery and how it relates to Twain p21

Grant moves to Mt. McGregor 12 miles outside  
of Saratoga - and to die.

Twain - not part of funeral -

Notice - written for Huck Finn. p232

Chap 5 - Grant is sick

Newspaper begin to report - In NYC at 66th  
No visitors - except Sherman stops by

Grant 3 greatest worries

① having to retrace his steps ② having to ask  
for money ③ being unable to care for Julia

William T. Sherman - became fast friends after Shiloh

Sherman counseled Grant to stay out of politics

"one class of men makes war and leaves another  
to fight it out."

Sherman tried to put Grant back on active Army list  
so he could get a Pension - Senate passed it  
Arthur vetoed it on a technicality - House refused  
to take up bill -

Twain - wasn't aware of illness - he was on  
Twain's of Gemini Tour - with George Washington Cable

went 10 cities - played to packed houses

Cable more popular than Twain.

Charles L. Webster and Co. to publish memoirs

Reviews on Huck were mixed - Boston Herald p146

Didn't like what he had said about

Emerson / Holmes / Longfellow

Huckleberry Finn

Century mag.

Shiloh

Vicksburg

Wilderness

Lee's surrender

The Mississippi

Julia - lived  
1944. Long

The Longest  
Reunion

Karl Gerhardt  
the sculpture

William  
Tecumseh  
Sherman