

**MARK TWAIN'S SKETCHES –
SHORT STORIES BY THE AUTHOR OF
THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER**

Twain, Mark. *Mark Twain's Sketches Authorized Edition*. No. 1. New York: American News Company, 1874. 32 pages. Softbound with paper covers. Illustrated.

American author Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910) is best known as the creator of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Become familiar with his no-less-entertaining short stories in *Mark Twain's Sketches*. This thin pamphlet was the first of what Twain hoped would become a series of such books showcasing his collected works. Unfortunately, volume number one was the only edition published, although Twain did continue to publish “sketches” in more traditional book form. Inside are thirteen short stories including “The Jumping Frog” (aka “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County”), one of Twain’s better-known short stories. *Mark Twain's Sketches* has a green and grey paper cover with a quirky illustration of a frog reading a copy of the very same issue. The book is in fair condition given its age and the flimsy nature of its magazine-style production. The front and back covers have separated from the rest of the book, and part of the title page is missing.

You can read more about the production of this planned series of pamphlets here:
<http://rnc.library.cornell.edu/twain/exhibition/pirated/index.html>.

