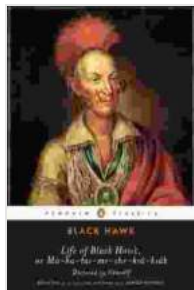


The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain in 'Dictated By Himself' | Penguin Classics



Life of Black Hawk, or Ma-ka-tai-me-she-kia-kiak:

Dictated by Himself (Penguin Classics) by Joseph McBride

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Mark Twain's autobiography, *Dictated By Himself*, is a witty, candid, and insightful account of his life and times. Originally published in two volumes in 1906 and 1907, the book was Twain's attempt to set the record straight on his own life, after years of misinformation and rumors.

Twain begins the book with his childhood in Missouri, and follows his life through his early career as a riverboat pilot, his success as a writer, and his later years as a lecturer and social commentator. Along the way, he offers his opinions on everything from religion to politics to the human condition.

Dictated By Himself is a must-read for anyone interested in Mark Twain or American literature. It is a funny, wise, and revealing book that offers a unique glimpse into the mind of one of our greatest writers.

Twain's Wit and Wisdom

Twain was known for his wit and humor, and *Dictated By Himself* is full of his trademark barbs and observations. Here are a few of my favorite quotes from the book:



“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”

- Mark Twain

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

- Mark Twain

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."

- Mark Twain”

Twain's Candid Account of His Life

In addition to his wit and wisdom, Twain was also known for his candor. In *Dictated By Himself*, he does not shy away from discussing the difficult times in his life, including his financial struggles, his marital problems, and the death of his children.

Twain's honesty makes *Dictated By Himself* a valuable historical document. It provides a unique glimpse into the life and mind of one of our most important writers.

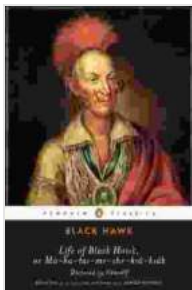
Twain's Insights into the Human Condition

Twain was a keen observer of human nature, and *Dictated By Himself* is full of his insights into the human condition. He writes about the importance of hard work, the dangers of prejudice, and the power of laughter.

Twain's insights are still relevant today, and *Dictated By Himself* is a book that can be enjoyed by readers of all ages.

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I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to learn more about Mark Twain or who enjoys a good read.



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