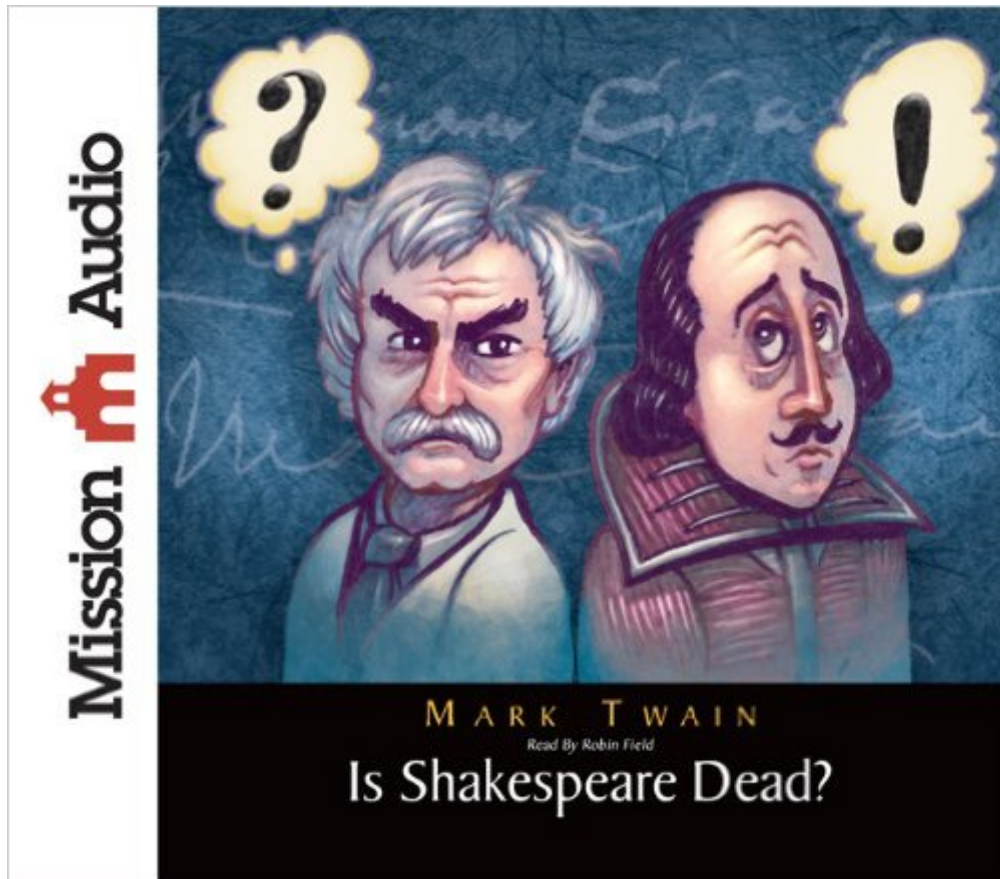


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# Is Shakespeare Dead?: From My Autobiography



## Synopsis

Is Shakespeare Dead? is a short, semi-autobiographical work by American humorist Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain. It explores the controversy over the authorship of the Shakespearean literary canon via satire, anecdote, and extensive quotation of contemporary authors on the subject. The original publication spans only 150 pages, and the formatting leaves roughly half of each page blank. The spine is thread bound. It was published in April of 1909 by Harper And Brothers, twelve months before Mark Twain's death. In the book, Clemens clearly states his opinion that Shakespeare of Stratford was not the author of the canon, and lends tentative support to the Baconians. The book opens with a scene from his early adulthood, where he was trained to be a steamboat pilot by an elder who often argued with him over the controversy. (Quote from wikipedia)

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I have just come up with another reason like Twain did not like Shakespeare. He though all writers have to base their writings on what they have experienced, like he probably did. He had no imagination, like I don't, and figured that no OTHER author could have an imagination. They must have written according to their own experience, like he did. The guy had NO imagination and thought nobody else did either. The idea that Shakespeare created the ideal couple, Portia and Brutus, in Julius Caesar, then created Kate and Petruchio in Shrew, then Leontes and Hermione, from his imagination must have infuriated Twain. Who couldn't do that. But they were different writers. Shakespeare's plays depended upon imagination, like J.K. Rowling, H.G. Wells, Arthur

Conan Doyle, and all science fiction writers. Well, that's my idea. Twain couldn't stand the fact that he had little imagination and Shakespeare did. So he said Shakespeare did not write the plays with his name on them. Sounds like a pretty weak reason. Actually, a self-damning reason. Well, that's my two cents

worth.-----Yes,

Shakespeare is dead. So is Twain. If Shakespeare left school when he was about 13-14 with that today would be a high school education in Latin and the classics, Twain left school at the age of 11-12 in the 5th grade. So how did Twain write all his great works with such a limited education? He never seems to ask himself that. He suffers from the fallacy of anachronistic thinking. There are no papers, etc. Shakespeare was more than 200 years before, before the Industrial Revolution, the Transportation Revolution, the Communication Revolution.

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