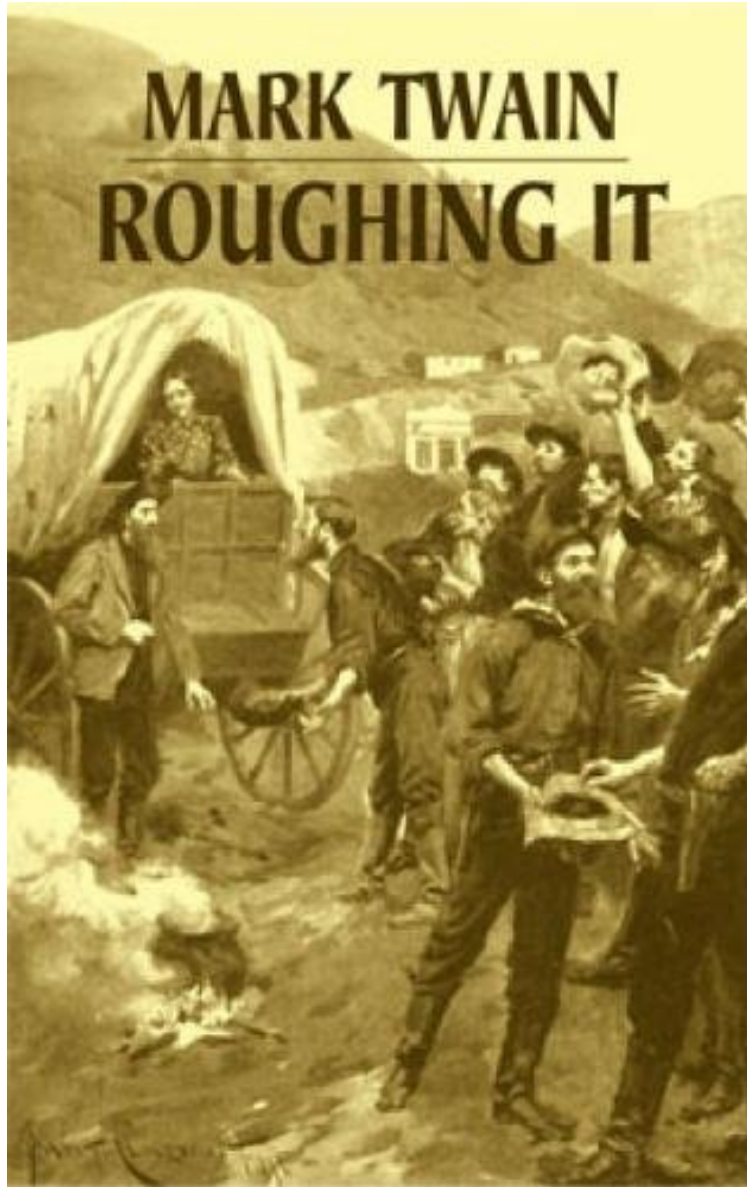


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is a book of odds and ends that Mark Twain put together. His description of crossing the country from Missouri to Nevada in a stagecoach is the first I have read, and he also described the riders of the short-lived Pony Express. He tries out different writing styles varying from the rough language of the Nevada Silver mines to the more sophisticated speech of the San Franciscans in California. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. All in all, very uneven, but at a decent price. By Erick Manteuffel At times humorous, but it's a rambling collection of Twain's thoughts. Sometimes a fairly straight forward account of his travels in Nevada and California, but then something totally off the wall: maybe be 2 chapters of him poking fun of contemporary novels (the soaps of his day) or an essay on Chinese immigrants! All in all, very uneven, but at a decent price.

These memoirs recount the writer and humorist's scuffling years, during which he beat a path across the American West and all the way to Hawaii. His spirited narrative relates a series of triumphs and misadventures and profiles a many-faceted succession of personalities and locales: the stage drivers and desperadoes of the Great Plains; Mormon society; the mines and miners of Nevada; the climate and characteristics of San Francisco; and the amusing and unexpected traits of Sandwich Island civilization. Twain finds drollery in every corner of his travels, but the sincerity and humanity of his reminiscences provide a realistic vision of now-vanished worlds.

.com There is no nicer surprise for a reader than to discover that an acknowledged classic really does deliver the goods. Mark Twain's *Roughing It* is just such a book. The adventure tale is a delight from start to finish and is just as engrossing today as it was 125 years ago when it first appeared. *Roughing It* tells the true-ish escapades of Twain in the American West. Although he clearly "speaks with forked tongue," *Roughing It* is informative as well as humorous. From stagecoach travel to the etiquette of prospecting, the modern reader gains considerable insight into that much-fictionalized time and place. Do you know about sagebrush, for example? Sage-brush is very fair fuel, but as a vegetable it is a distinguished failure. Nothing can abide the taste of it but the jackass and his illegitimate child, the mule. But their testimony to its nutritiousness is worth nothing, for they will eat pine knots, or anthracite coal, or brass filings, or lead pipe, or old bottles, or anything that comes handy, and then go off looking as grateful as if they had had oysters for dinner. *Roughing It* is informally structured around the narrator's attempts to strike it rich. He meets a motley, colorful crew in the process; many mishaps occur, and it shouldn't surprise you that Twain does not emerge a man of means. But he withstands it all in such a relentless good humor that his misfortune inspires laughter. *Roughing It* is wonderful entertainment and reminds you how funny the world can be--even its grimmer districts--when you're traveling with the right writer. From Library Journal In this 1872, Twain reminisces about his five years of roaming around the country from 1861 to 1866. This edition contains the complete original text plus the original illustrations. Though pricey, this volume should be considered for collections specializing in Twain. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. Semiautobiographical novel by Mark Twain, published in 1872. This humorous travel book, based on Twain's stagecoach journey through the American West and his adventures in the Pacific islands, is full of colorful caricatures of outlandish locals and detailed sketches of frontier life. *Roughing It* describes how the narrator, a polite greenhorn from the East, is initiated into the rough-and-tumble society of the frontier. He works his way through Nevada, California, and the Pacific islands as a prospector, journalist, and lecturer, and along the way he meets a number of colorful characters. -- The Merriam-Webster Encyclopedia of Literature