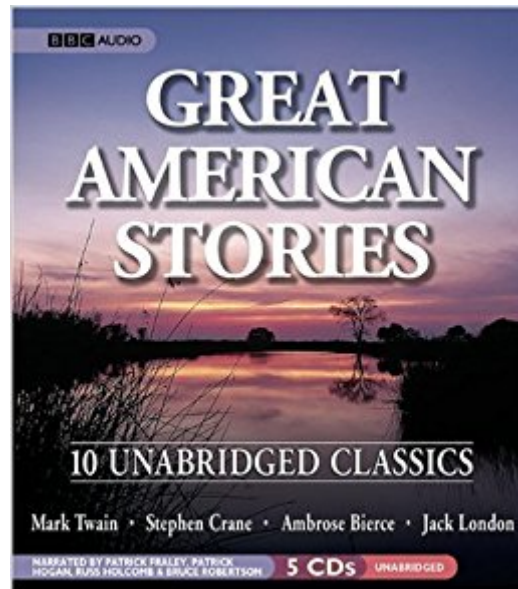




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Mark Twain (1835-1910) was born Samuel L. Clemens in the town of Florida, Missouri. One of the most popular and influential authors our nation has ever produced, his keen wit and incisive satire

earned him praise from both critics and peers. He has been called not only the greatest humorist of his age but also the father of American literature.

These stories are beautifully done and the readers are incredibly good. My only objection is that the stories are all of the same type like an Edgar Allen Poe type. I was hoping for drama classics. If you like mysteries and ghost stories, you will love these. Nevertheless, even for me they were interesting. I put them on my iPod and used them when walking - made the walk just fly by. The last two by Jack London about the arctic wilderness were just fascinating. I didn't want my walk to end so I kept walking! I can still feel the cold of that arctic wilderness even though I live in Southern California! The stories would be good in the car too. Another fascinating one was "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge". I had seen a movie version of this 40 or so years ago. It is about a man about to be hung during the civil war. I never got over it. It haunts me to this day.

excellent product.

This was a Christmas gift for a blind friend of mine. He lives in a Care Center, and gets someone to play it for him....he sure enjoys listening to the stories, as do the others who can hear it around him!! Great to have several stories in one CD!

I bought this for my wife to listen to during her long commutes to work. She enjoyed the stories very much and we, occasionally, bust these out during our long road trips.

Great stories to take with you on a trip. We enjoyed having this with us thoroughly. Highly recommended for family nights, too.

Get a feel for what it is like to grow up in America while America herself is growing up. My favorite is the anatomy of what it is like to freeze to death by making a few simple errors in judgement in winter of the cold north land.

Very good listening. Whenever we travel, we switch off the radio and listen to Audio Books. We enjoyed these Great American Stories very much. Everyone should have some of these in the glove box.

Nice selection of stories by American authors. Just what I was looking for.

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