



THE GILDED AGE

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The Gilded Age, A Tale of Today

by Mark Twain (1835-1910)
and Charles Dudley Warner (1829-1900)

Originally published in 1873, *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today* is the only novel Twain co-wrote (C.D. Warner was a good friend and neighbor of the Clemens family in Hartford, and the collaboration sprang from their wives' challenge and encouragement). The title "The Gilded Age" became synonymous with graft, materialism and corruption in public life, which are well represented in this novel. Like others of Twain's works, this one reflects truths about American society that remain pertinent today. Many of the characters and incidents that occur in the *Gilded Age* had their real-life origins in Clemens relatives and history, a fact which is revealed in his newly published (2011) *Autobiography*. (*Introduction by John Greenman & Wikipedia*)

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