

# Huck Finn /1/ Huck's and My Troubles

I had to **walk** through Hannibal, Missouri **one time** because I couldn't **get a ride**. I **was** hitch hiking, **as usual**, and no one **would** stop and **give** me a ride.

Hannibal was the town where Mark Twain grew up. The novel Tom Sawyer **takes place** around Hannibal, and Huckleberry Finn runs **away from** Hannibal **at** the beginning of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. **Those** were great books when I was a **kid**. I **even** made a raft **one time at** a lake **near** my house and **pretended** that **me and** Huck were **heading down** the Mississippi.

**Sometimes** Huck and I talked **to each other** when I was a boy. If I **got in trouble** at school and **had to** go to the **principal's office, waiting to talk** to the principal, I'd say, „Huck, **looks like** I'm in big trouble, what **should** I do?“ And I'd **hear** Huck **say**, „Sidney, you've got to be **tough**. But first **try your best to** talk your **way** out of it. And remember, **I've been** in worse troubles than this **many times**.“ Then I'd feel better because Huck **had been** in worse troubles and had **gotten out of it**.

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I **used to** read a lot of books when I was a kid **the ones** I liked **best** were **by** Mark Twain they **had been written** long before I was born I was **pretty excited** when I found I **was** going to Hannibal because **that's where** Tom and Huck had all their adventures **Huck and I** had a very special **relationship** **everytime** I **got in trouble** I **relied on** Huck **to** help me **out** and he never **let me down**, he always **made me feel** better **compared to what** he **had been** through, I was **doing** ok **that's what** imaginary friends are **for**, I **guess**