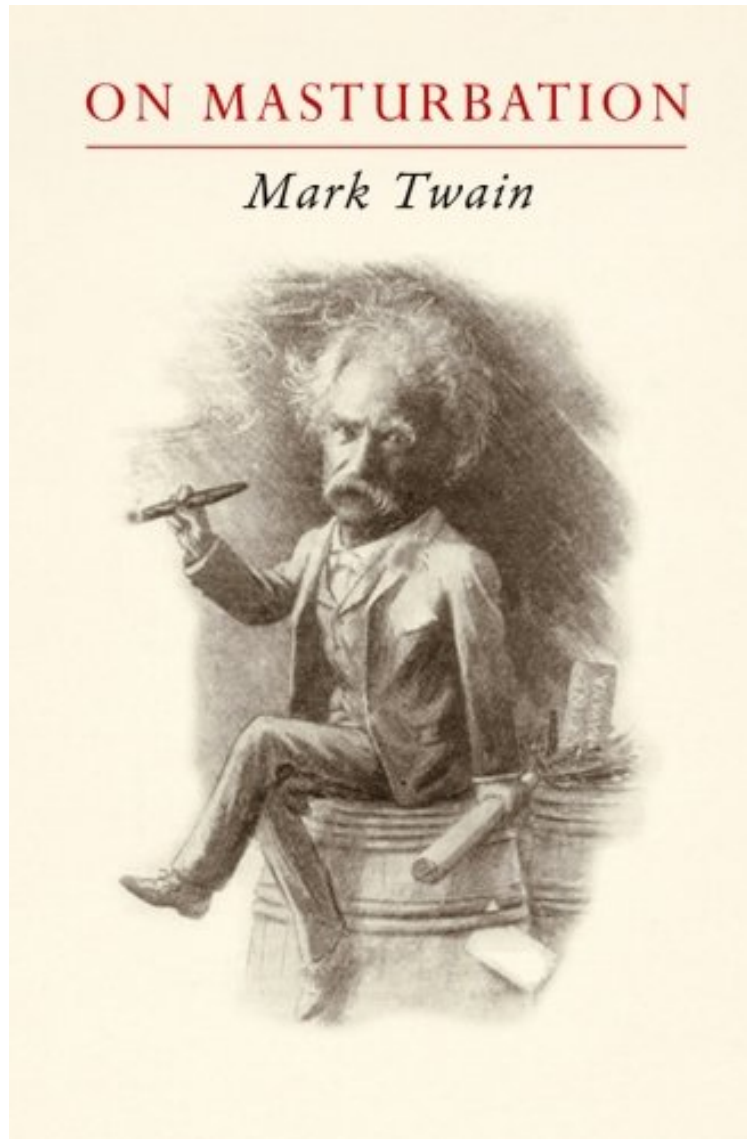


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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mark Twain on Masturbation: "Some Thoughts on the Science of Onanism":

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Brave talk; great cover. Must own coffee table book.By Dan E.

Nicholas This work is a pamphlet more than a book but way brave for 1879. One cannot by plan to have this on the coffee table when the mother or daughter in law come to visit. This little work is basically an outline of a short talk Twain gave to a men's club in Paris at a time one didn't speak of such even around men. The foreword by C. S. Torode is interesting and he seems somehow connected to getting this banned booklet into print. For me the real tale is the missing story on how this talk impacted Twain and Paris and the publishing world. Or what Twain's wife thought about the speech! This is what I'd like to see in print. Seems the talk was like a bold tongue in cheek prank more than anything; and the made up quotes as humor by Twain I found annoying; but this was how you had to talk about self pleasuring back then or you'd most likely go to jail. But my comments are too critical of a brave talk almost 140 years back when it was unthinkable to see ahead to a world peopled by the pioneers Betty Dodson, Lonnie Barbach much less the 4,591 eTitles and such on the topic of sex for one. Or how could we have seen coming or science writer Mary Roach and her Ted Talk on the Ten Thing We Didn't Know About Orgasms that god is not surprised about such things, reminding us that the male fetus wanks in the womb to orgasm. Yes, before the little one is granted personhood he is a proud Twain wanker. If I saw more candor about who was behind this book I'd give it 6 stars not 4. I await the story behind the story; but then I own ten books on this topic; proud to own one more. Thanks Twain. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Shocking in it's day, but only amusing now. By Joseph E Botts This is an article, rather than a book, and I understand it was banned in most places at the time. But times have changed, and we have even had one of our Surgeon Generals advocate masturbation as a form of avoiding the temptation of actual sex. So this is no longer an X rated article. In fact it would even have little value as an educational piece, since there is little here that would serve to enlighten most of our modern readers. Most seventh graders of today would probably be better informed on the subject, and could write a more detailed account if they could just spell the subject. So for an amusing jaunt through a familiar subject in typical Twain style, it is a good way to pass some time, and reflect on how much society has changed while the basics of life have remained the same. As a quality piece of writing, giving it four stars may be a stretch, but in my opinion, there is little of Mark Twain's work that deserves anything less than a four. So for that, and his courage alone, I may have added a star. 15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Mark Twain: Master (De) Bater By Razorback Angie When I came across this title I was a little puzzled. I clicked on it just to see if it was something "The" Mark Twain penned. As it turns out, yes, Twain did write this little satirical speech. If you are a fan and admirer of Twain, this is a must-have for your collection. It is witty, humorous, and deep.

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"Illustrated with charming Victorian-style engravings ...On Masturbation is quick and delightful read." -- Maria Popova, Brain Pickings About the Author Sam Clemens, known to the world by his pen-name Mark Twain, was an author and humorist noted for his many novels and essays, including *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Sam Torode, who designed and penned the introduction for this book, is author of the bestselling humorous novel, *The Dirty Parts of the Bible*.