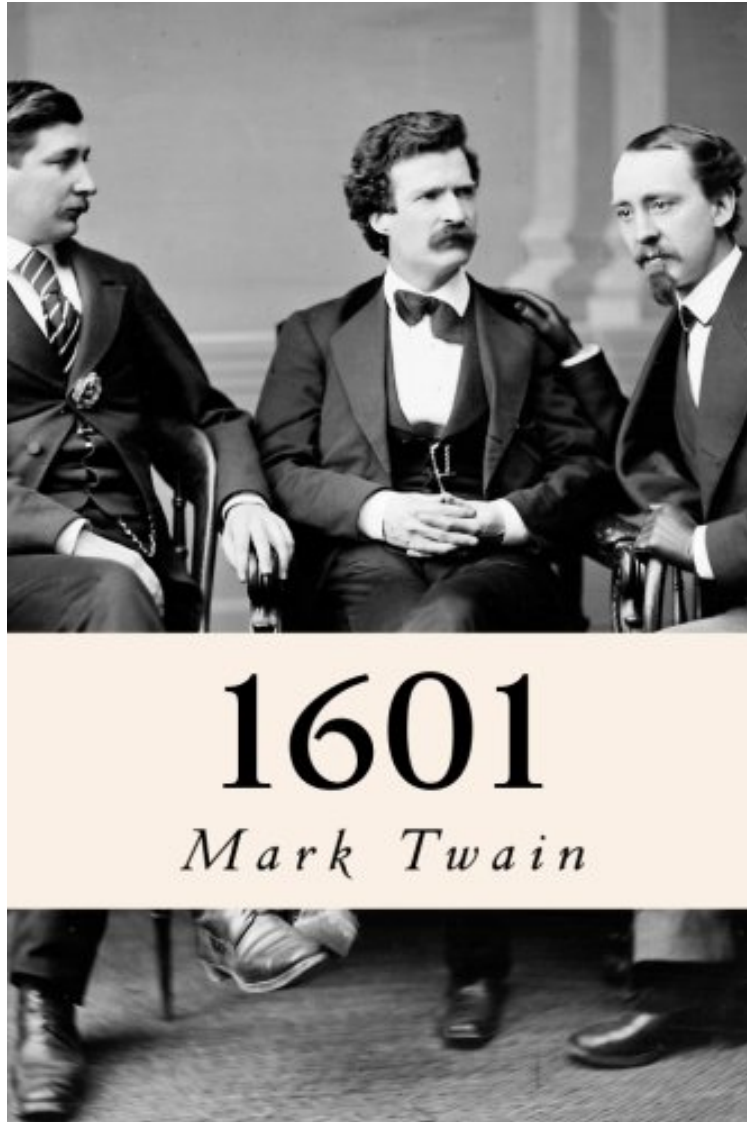


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HopponenWho doesn't love a fart joke? Well, in truth, many, but this is still notable just because of Twain's writing prowess. Here we have familiar historical characters sitting around the fire and the Queen beginning the story with her question "Who farted?". Imagine the reaction if a high school student presents this as a book report! The intertwine of wit, writing skill, and robust annotations (which constitute about 70% of the thin volume) make this quirky and obscure tome a nice conversation piece in any library.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. FunnyBy Francis M. Van MeterThis is a hilarious irreverent short story by Mark Twain, but you need to understand "ye olde English" to appreciate it.

1601 is a classic work of American satire by Mark Twain. [Date: 1601.] Conversation, as it was by the Social Fireside, in the Time of the Tudors. or simply 1601 is the title of a short risqué squib by Mark Twain, first published anonymously in 1880, and finally acknowledged by the author in 1906. Written as an extract from the diary of one of Queen Elizabeth I's ladies-in-waiting, the pamphlet purports to record a conversation between Elizabeth and several famous writers of the day. The topics discussed are entirely scatological, notably farting and sex.

About the AuthorMark Twain, born Samuel Langhorne Clemens, was an American humorist and writer, who is best known for his enduring novels *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, which has been called the Great American Novel. Raised in Hannibal, Missouri, Twain held a variety of jobs including typesetter, riverboat pilot, and miner before achieving nationwide attention for his work as a journalist with *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*. He earned critical and popular praise for his wit and enjoyed a successful career as a public speaker in addition to his writing. Twain's works were remarkable for his ability to capture colloquial speech, although his adherence to the vernacular of the time has resulted in the suppression of his works by schools in modern times. Twain's birth in 1835 coincided with a visit by Halley's Comet, and Twain predicted, accurately, that he would go out with it as well, dying the day following the comet's return in 1910.