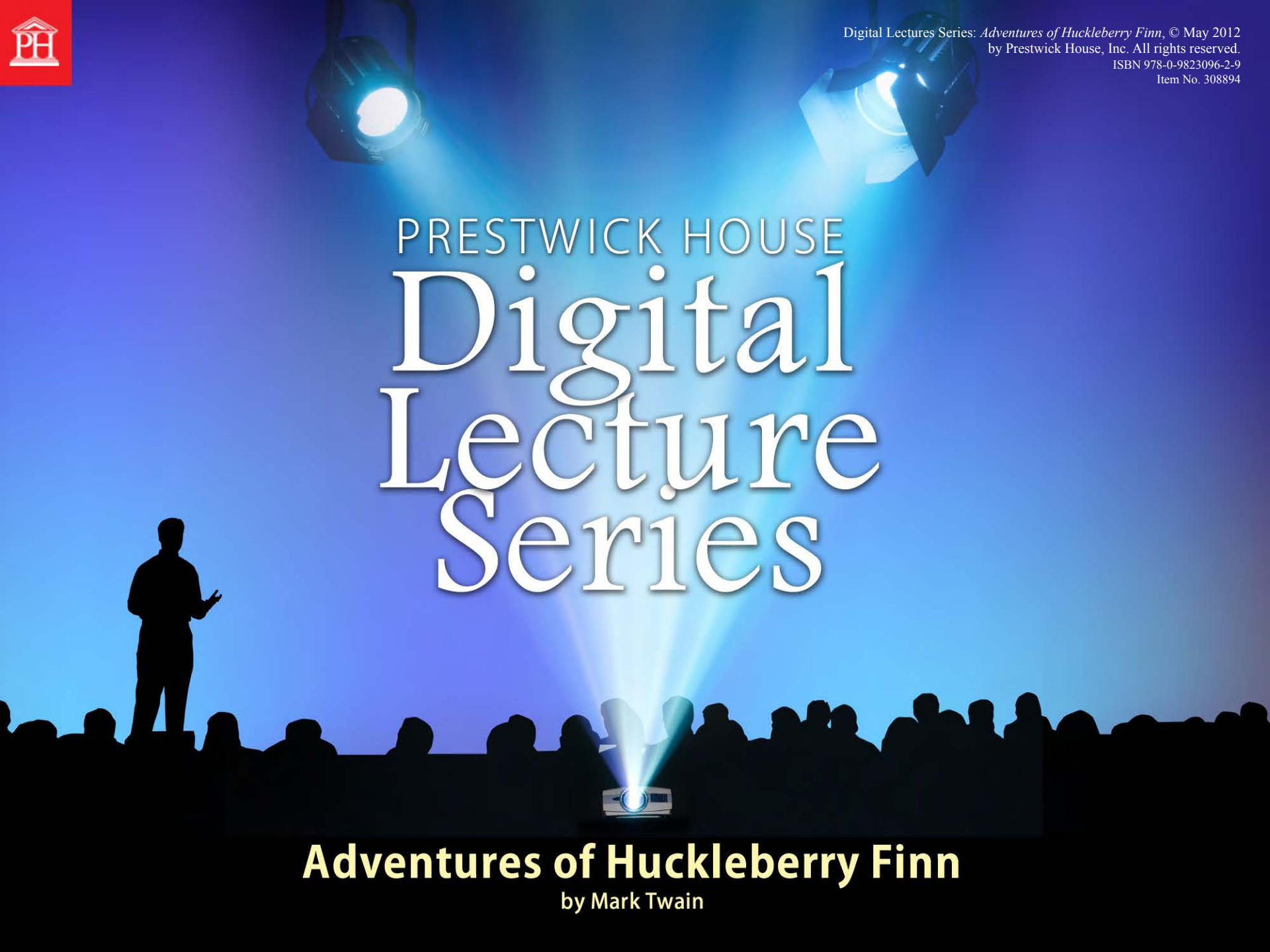




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by Mark Twain

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Objectives



This introduction to Adventures of Huckleberry Finn will help you:

- ➔ Follow a brief biography of Mark Twain and see how his life influenced the book

- ➔ See how Huck has matured in his understanding of
 - himself
 - slavery
 - the world around him



This introduction to Adventures of Huckleberry Finn will help you:

➔ Discuss and point out the objects of Twain's satire

➔ Discuss what the Mississippi River symbolizes to both Huck and Jim



This introduction to Adventures of Huckleberry Finn will help you:

➔ Compare and contrast

- Tom and Huck
- Huck and Jim
- the restrictions of civilization and the freedom of the river
- proper manners and false honor
- formal education and learning from life experiences
- truth and lies
- appearance and reality
- charlatans and the people they fool



This introduction to Adventures of Huckleberry Finn will help you:

➔ Debate whether the novel should be banned or restricted in its use in schools

➔ Write an essay in which you discuss Twain's view of slavery



Literary Terms



Satire – using humor to expose something or someone to ridicule.

Twain pokes fun at many aspects of the society in which he grew up:

- Critics of literature are warned not to “find a motive...a moral [or] a plot” in the book.
- From Huck’s first words, it is clear that he does not consider education or grammar important.
- Huck clearly gets a different interpretation of the Bible stories than the widow expects him to.



Dialect – a particular kind of speech used by members of one specific group because of their geographical location or class.

- Twain states that the spoken language in the book is “painstakingly” representative of actual speech with which he is familiar.
- Jim’s first words show the language of an uneducated slave: “Who dah?”
- Even Colonel Sherburn, supposedly a sophisticated, educated man, speaks incorrectly at times: “The average man don’t like trouble and danger.”

