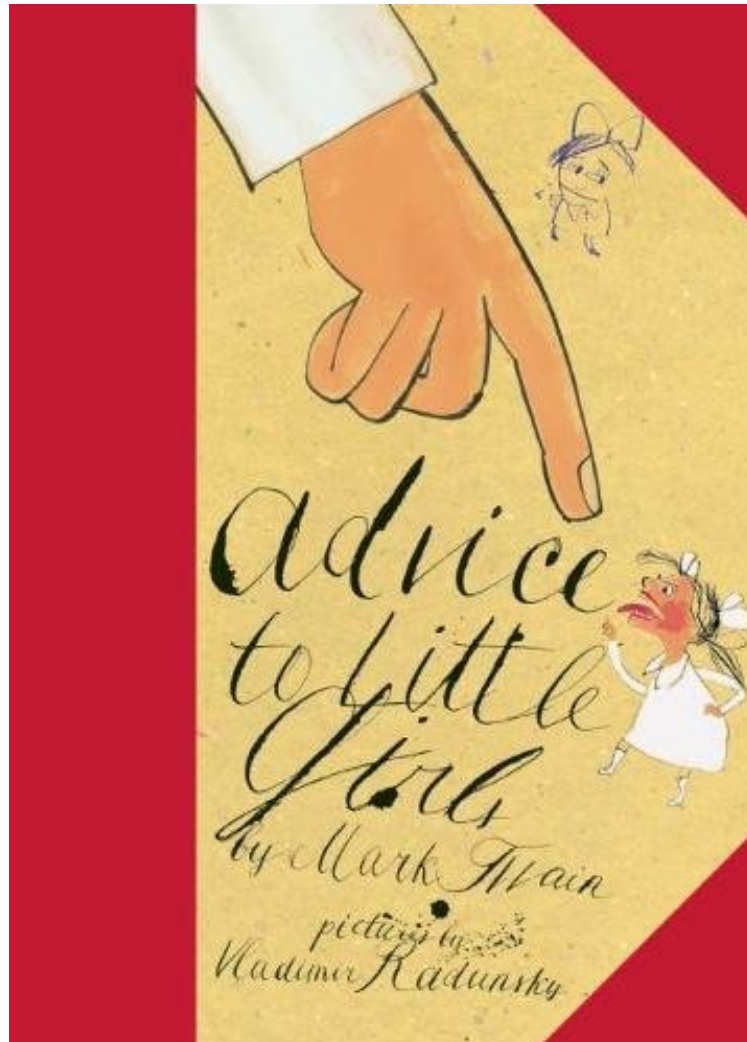


Advice to Little Girls

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Mark Twain : Advice to Little Girls before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Advice to Little Girls:

38 of 40 people found the following review helpful. Rather short, charming illustrationsBy stmI bought this to read to my daughters, but I don't think they'll really appreciate it until they're at least 8-10 years old. Or 30.7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Loved Finding a Surprise from Mark TwainBy J. KrausI came upon this quite by accident on and it just looked like something I had to have. It is all I wanted in it, other than I wish Mark Twain could autograph it for me. THE sayings are perfect and tongue in cheek like Twain was. The illustrations make you feel that you have purchased an original old book. I love the illustrations and the way the publisher put the book together. I feel like it is a book of value for me to have on my bookshelf. I rated it a 5 Star because it was exactly what I expected,

quirky, funny, intriguing and a glimpse into Mark Twain's thoughts. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Prose by Twain--can't get better than that--and Russian illustrations--a perfect combination! By mady maguire I bought this for a grown up girl because it was a book I wish I could have given her when she was young. This is a book for especially bright and sensitive and artistic girls as it won't spoil them. But don't give it to a spoiled brat or you are in for a lot of trouble! LOL!!!

You should ever bear in mind that it is to your kind parents that you are indebted for your food, and for the privilege of staying home from school when you let on that you are sick. Therefore you ought to respect their little prejudices, and humor their little whims, and put up with their little foibles until they get to crowding you too much. When Mark Twain wrote the sparky short story "Advice to Little Girls" in 1865, he probably didn't mean for it to be shown to them. Or maybe he did, since we all know Twain was a rascal. Now, author and illustrator Vladimir Radunsky has created a picture book based on Twain's text that adds all the right outlandish touches. Born on November 30, 1835, in Florida, Missouri, Samuel L. Clemens wrote under the pen name Mark Twain. He wrote two major classics of American literature, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. He was also a riverboat pilot, journalist, lecturer, entrepreneur, and inventor. Whether or not it was Mark Twain's actual intention for little girls to read this humorous short story, it's clear that he did not talk down to children, but rather expected them to stretch themselves in order to grasp sophisticated, adult meaning. Vladimir Radunsky has illustrated many books to great acclaim. Recently, Radunsky has been moving farther and farther away from the traditional picture book and into other more innovative forms. The most recent example is a work published by HarperCollins of hip-hop poetry for children, where the graffiti art has migrated from the walls into a printed book. Radunsky has published more than thirty books for children, mostly in the United States. Many of them were translated and published in France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Germany, and Japan.

Brain Pickings' Top 13 Children's, Illustrated, and Picture Books of 2013 "Crisply satirical and a little subversive, Twain's short, acerbic sendup slyly exhorts little girls to take a calculating approach to manipulating friends, brothers and elders. [...] An elegant curiosity for admirers of Twain, Radunsky or both." -- Kirkus "Radunsky's ink flourishes and adorable, lumpy figures steal the stage." -- Publishers Weekly Twain did not squat down to be heard and understood by children, but asked them to stand on their tiptoes to absorb the kind of language and humor suitable for adults. New York of Books While frolicsome in tone and full of wink, the story like the most timeless of children's books is colored with subtle hues of grown-up philosophy on the human condition, exploring all the deft ways in which we creatively rationalize our wrongdoing and reconcile the good and evil we each embody. Brain Pickings it is sharp, a pointed set of admonitions urging girls to think for themselves, which is a message as essential today as it was a century-and-a-half ago. The Los Angeles Times a sharp, charming story suitable for smart girls (and grown ups!) everywhere, and Radunsky's illustrations bring it to scribbled, red-cheeked life. It may just be the best picture book we've ever read. Flavorwire