

Personal Recollections Of Joan Of Arc, Vol 1 By Mark Twain

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Format: Audio Book MP3 Language: English Release Date: March 4, 2009 Categories: Audiobook, Adventure, Fiction Product Description: Mark Twain's work on Joan of Arc is titled in full Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc, by the Sieur Louis de Conte who is identified further as Joan's page and secretary. The work is fictionally presented as a translation from the manuscript by Jean Francois Alden, or, in the words of the published book, "Freely Translated out of the Ancient French into Modern English from the Original Unpublished Manuscript in the National Archives of France". The work was originally published as a serialization in Harper's Magazine beginning in 1895 and later published in book form in 1896. The current edition is from Ignatius Press, San Francisco, and was first published by them in 1989 (ISBN 0-89870-268-2). This edition also contains, in an appendix, Mark Twain's essay entitled "Saint Joan of Arc". De Conte is a fictionalized version of Joan of Arc's page Louis de Contes, and provides narrative unity to the story. He is presented as an individual who was with Joan during the three major phases of her life - as a youth in Domremy, as the commander of Charles' army on military campaign, and as a defendant at the trial in Rouen. The book is presented as a translation by Alden of de Conte's memoirs, written in his later years for the benefit of his descendants.

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