

Mark Twain on the Moon Book One: Prospectors!

By Michael Schulkins

Short Blurb

New bestselling steampunk series! Travel to the mining camps of America's wildest frontier: the Moon. "You will soon forget that it isn't Mr. Twain" – Amazon Reviewer

Synopsis

In an alternate 19th century, young Samuel Clemens sets out for the mining camps of America's wildest frontier: the Moon. Travel with Sam and his partner Calvin as they venture into the desolate, deadly wastes of the Mare Imbrium and the Montes Caucasus, in search of wonders, adventure, and a fortune in precious water ice. This is *Prospectors!*, the opening salvo in the epic saga of Mark Twain on the Moon, as told by the alternate Mark Twain himself.

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- Alternate History – **Top 50 on Amazon**

Featured Review

"Right from the the first paragraph, the reader is drawn into a time and setting (though exotic) that will be familiar to any fan of Mark Twain. The book follows the same easy style of description, banter, and wit as most of the protagonist's best novels. A thoroughly engrossing and refreshingly different story.

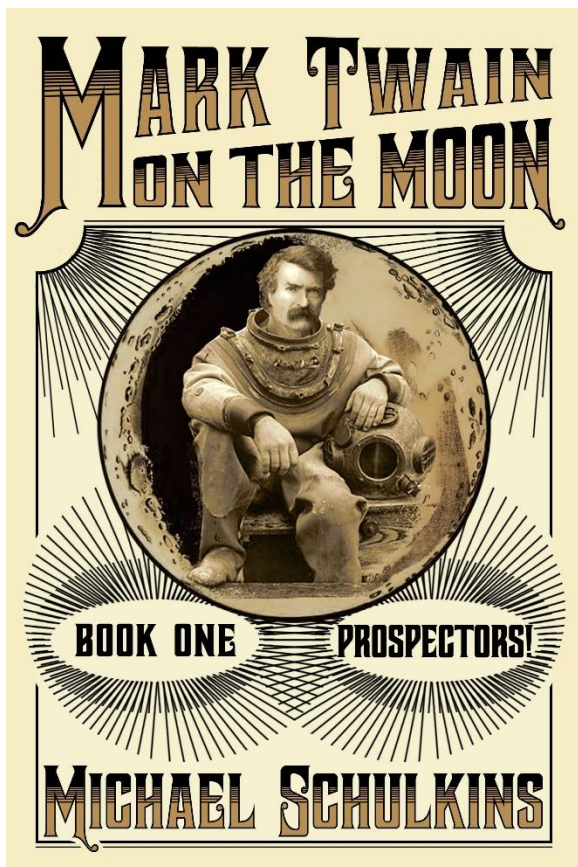
Michael Schulkins leaves me asking, has a new Mark Twain adventure been discovered in a trunk somewhere?"

— D. Murray, Amazon Reviewer



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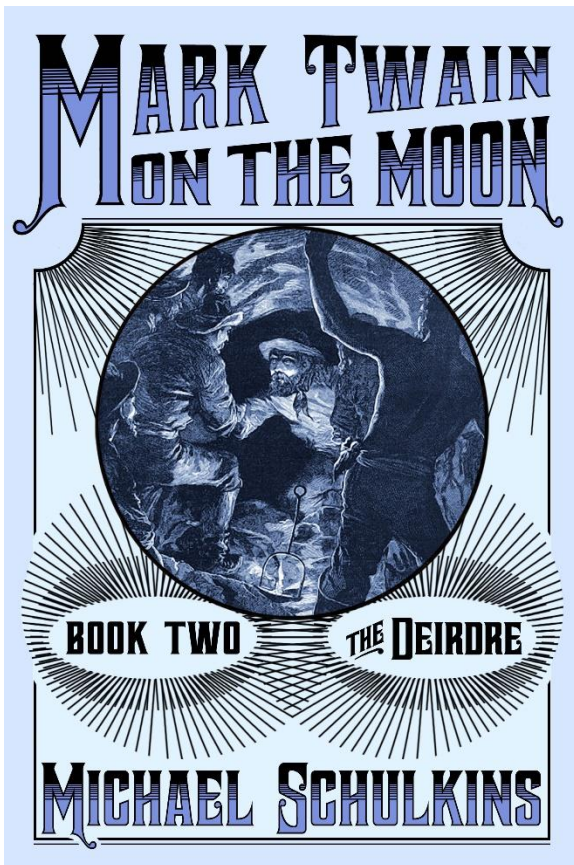
Excerpt

Oh, what a magnificent thing, to be a prospector!

Bemis and I were so pleased to be embarking at last upon the Great Adventure that we were the very picture of self-satisfaction and supercilious magnanimity. We had not been off the Company payroll for a full day—a paltry Earth day too, not the two-week-long marathon that is the Lunar day—and our sentiments had already begun to mellow toward those quaint old days at the Company mine. We felt only pity for the lowly pickers we had roundly condemned just the day before. From our lofty perch even the hated pig jockeys were worthy of no more than a benign and detached contempt, for we were prospectors. By God, we were high on ourselves. And woe be to anyone foolish enough to cross our path, for they were bound to hear about it. They'd hear about it until they were as full of it as we were.

We had planned our first steps for months, planned them nearly to death, in the obsessive, meticulous, harebrained way that only a man who knows full well his plans will never be realized can do. A prisoner etching routes of escape onto his cell walls is an example of this; a homely gal well past her expiration date looking into wedding gowns would be another.

As a first step we intended to travel to a real mining town. Fortunately there was just such a town nearby, less than a dozen miles to the north. Pickers and other mine workers made occasional visits there in order to unburden themselves of their wages. As Bemis and I had hoarded our gold against this very day, we were entirely innocent of its charms, but this was about to change. The town was called Lucky Strike, and if you think its name somewhat too good to be true then you are correct. If you call a plow horse Greased Lightning in hopes that it will convince him to run, it is comforting to reflect that even if the name does not convince the horse, it may yet convince unwary bystanders that the nag must be a flier. If visitors wished to believe Lucky Strike owed its continued existence and relative prosperity to the questionable success of its prospectors, as opposed to the undoubted success of its saloon keepers, restaurateurs, gaming impresarios, and purveyors of horizontal entertainment, they were most welcome to do so, because it was good for business. Bemis and I were so high on ourselves and the Great Adventure that we were well beyond the reach of reason, and we thought the name grand.



Mark Twain on the Moon Book Two: The Deirdre

By Michael Schulkins

Short Blurb

The bestselling steampunk series continues! Life inside the Moon turns deadly, and soon Sam Clemens needs all his wits, and a six-gun, to keep himself and his fellow miners alive.

Synopsis

The amazing, perilous, sometimes hilarious adventures of Samuel Clemens on the Moon continue in *The Deirdre*, book two of the Mark Twain on the Moon saga.

At the end of book one, *Prospectors!*, Sam and his partner Calvin found themselves stranded in a remote crater, down to their last cylinder of air.

In book two, they are dramatically rescued by the men of The Deirdre, an ice mine on the crater's rim, and forced into indentured servitude, digging for ice deep under the surface of the Moon. But when the Deirdres jump a neighboring claim, and no-nonsense Calvin hears the cries of a long-dead miner on his radio, life inside the Moon turns deadly, and soon Sam needs all of his wits, and a six-gun, to keep himself and the Deirdres alive.

Featured Review

“Out of the frying pan and into the fire, our intrepid narrator continues his observations on the dubious kindness of others, what a pressure suit and a haggis have in common, and why chickens enjoy flying on Luna. A gripping yarn, suspend your disbelief and enjoy!”

— Matt Helm, Amazon Reviewer

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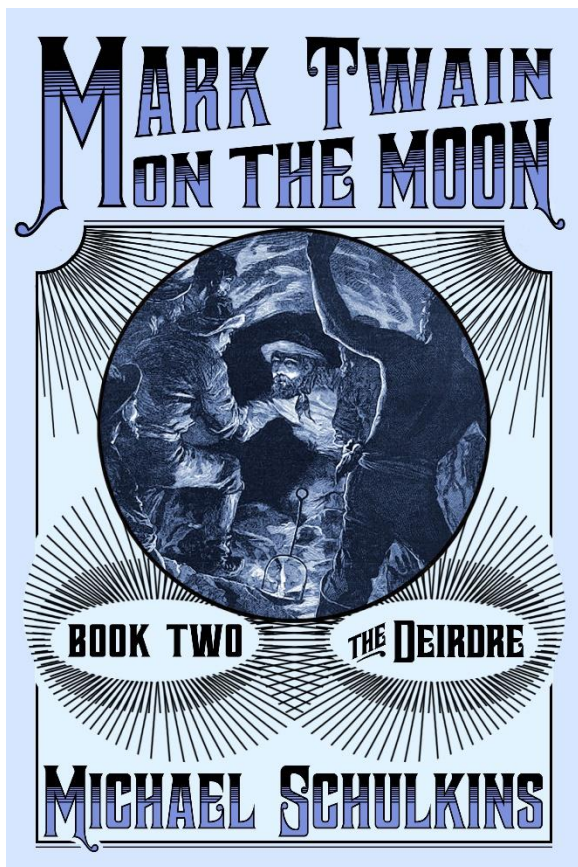
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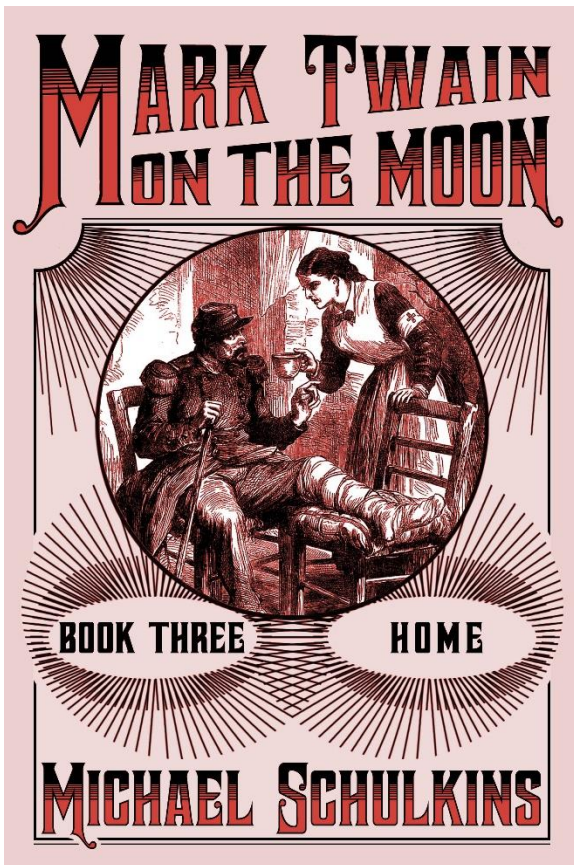
The man, who was tall and thin with a face and manner located somewhere between those of a parson and an undertaker, said, “Welcome aboard the Deirdre, gentlemen, although I suppose your gentility remains to be seen. I am first mate Lang. You may call me Mister Lang, First Mate, or sir, whichever you prefer.” He was dressed in the standard issue uniform of the Moon, flannel shirt and bib overalls, but it was the cleanest and best preserved such uniform I had ever seen, outside of those still supine upon a shelf in a dry goods store.

“I’m Sam Clemens,” I said. “Of the Missouri Clemenses,” I added, trusting that my family’s reputation had not reached the Montes Caucasus ahead of me, “and this is my partner Calvin Bemis. And you can call us Sam and Calvin, I suppose.” I offered my hand at this point, but it was left alone on the field and eventually was obliged to retire.

“You look in better shape than some we’ve seen,” said Lang. “Garrett and Watkins were three-quarters in the grave by the time we got them aboard—but we’ll send you down to Mister Kent for a good going-over to satisfy the formalities, and chase down any remaining fleas.” I tried to look indignant over this, but was betrayed by the untimely need for a scratch. “He’ll see to it that you get cleaned up.” And here he wrinkled his nose just a bit. I too detected an odor, which I assumed was due to Bemis, but in fact the scent I was imbibing was a permanent resident of the Deirdre mine. In another week I would fail to notice it at all.

I said, “So are you the foreman here?”

“Like I told you—Clemens is it—I’m first mate of the Deirdre.” I had known first mates aplenty in the piloting trade, but the profession felt out of place inside the Moon. Still, most of them were kin enough to a foreman to fill the bill, so I let it rest. I had also determined by some process of elimination that it was the mine itself that they called the Deirdre, and so I was content. “Don’t fret, Clemens,” the first mate continued, “Mister Kent will see that you’re fed and watered when he’s done with you.” My ears pricked up like a coyote’s upon discovering a prairie dog. I’d thought I was content, but had failed to consult with my stomach in the matter, and any news of food was now profoundly interesting to me. I could not recall the last time I had eaten, let alone eaten well, and was reluctant to do so, for I feared that if I did and remembered the full pleasure of it, I might descend into a bottomless melancholy, since chances were excellent that I would never experience its like again.



Mark Twain on the Moon Book Three: Home

By Michael Schulkins

Short Blurb

Coming soon! Sam Clemens and his partner Calvin strike out into unexplored Lunar territory - and now they're heading the expedition. But is mutiny over the all-too-close horizon?

Synopsis

Driven out by a violent band of claim-jumping miners, Sam Clemens and his partner Calvin strike out into unexplored Lunar territory - and now they're heading the expedition! But when disaster threatens their former colleagues, the Clemens-Bemis Expedition must take on refugees. With supplies running short and dissent rising, is mutiny over the all-too-close horizon?

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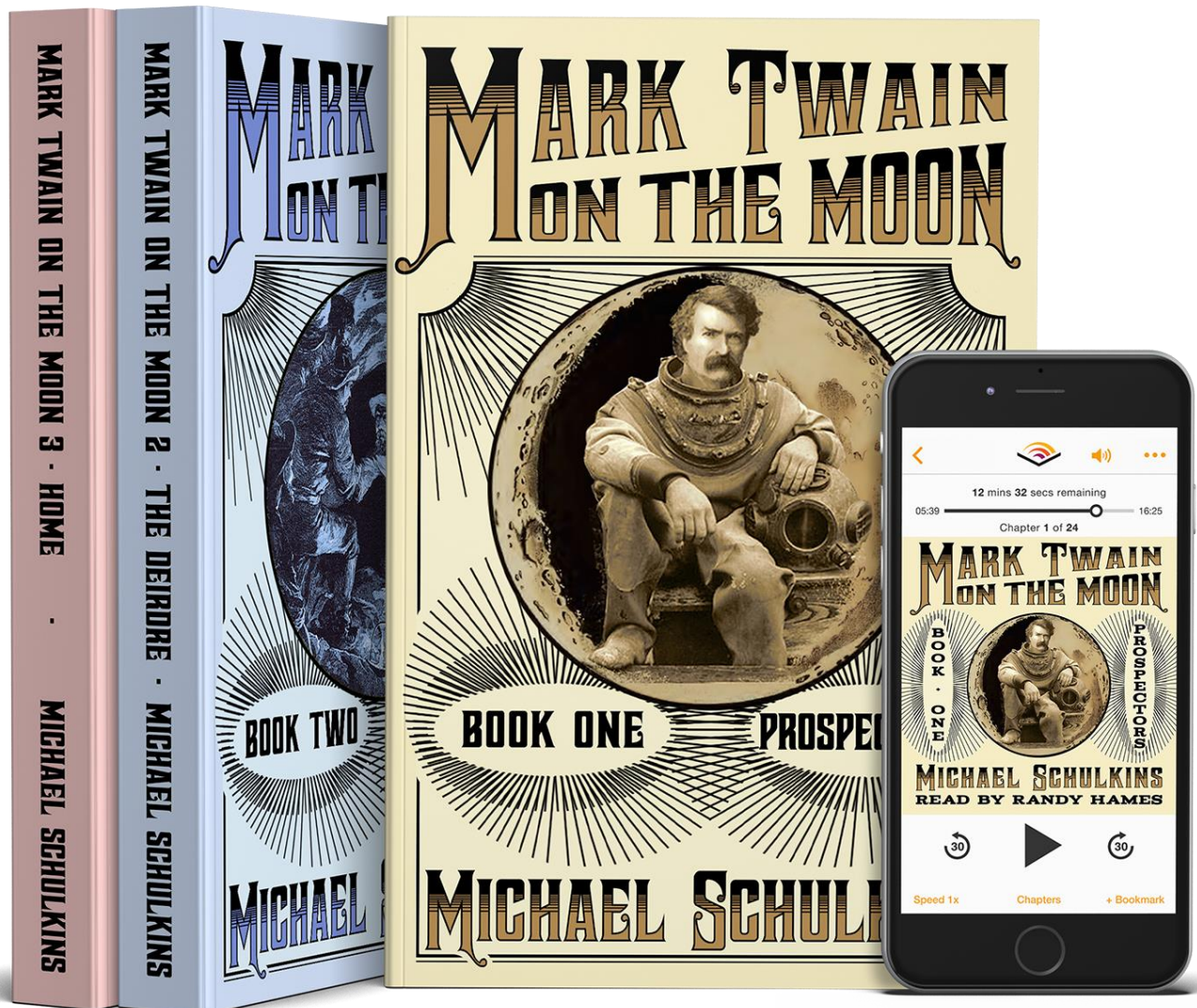
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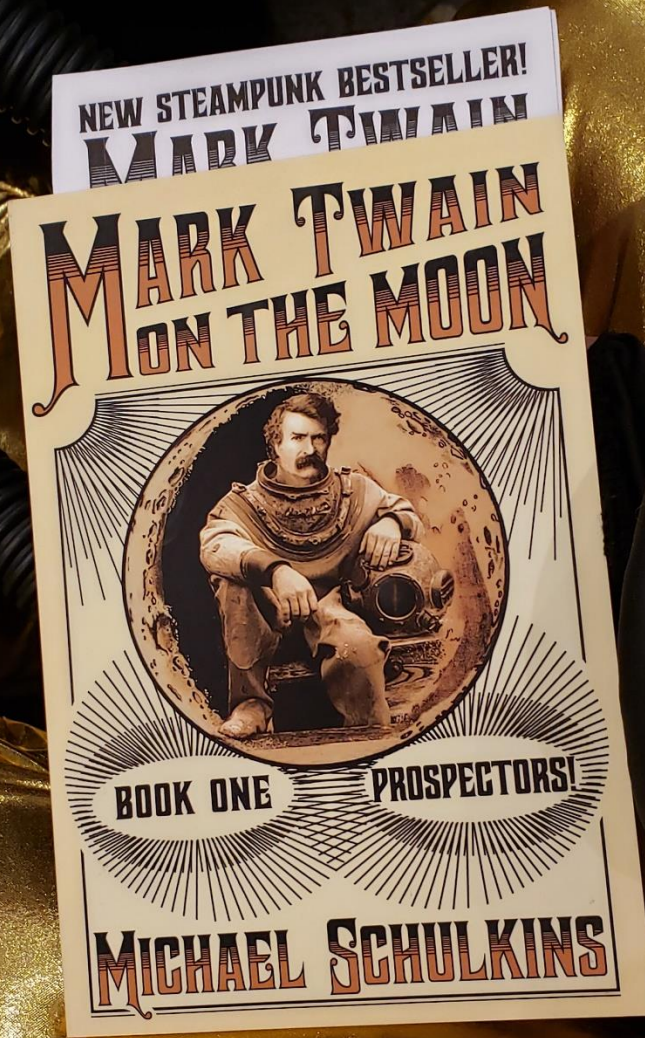
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Mark Twain travels to the mining camps of America's wildest frontier—the Moon—in search of wonders, adventure, and a fortune in precious water ice.

"A steampunk, alt-history tale with Mark Twain, written in his style? How can you go wrong?" —Jason Prugar

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