

A bygone era, should it coexist with our day?

Words of the Past

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Today they want to change the words and thoughts of the past as represented in the words of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn. Why would one artist be given preference over another? Some parents find the statue of a nude David to be offensive, and yet it has become an icon of the world of Art. Writing is as much an art form as is any picture or sculpture that is rendered.

If I were the descendants of Samuel Clemens, I would be screaming to high heaven. I would say that the ACLU should be screaming too. Maybe they are, or maybe they pick and choose their battles, and this should be one of them. As a published writer, and I hope I'm speaking for Mr. Clemens too, I say this is an injustice to all that stands for the history of literature and writing in general. The Political Correctness folks have really gone out on a limb this time to put words in the mouth of the writer that were never there.

JUST THE FACTS FRIENDS

A teacher's response to a student's hasty answer to a question;

"Climb any further out on that limb and I will saw you off will HARD facts."

You want history to be correct, but now we see your true agenda. You want history to say what you want to hear. Don't rewrite this book, just write another watered down version, but don't peddle it as The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. And do not attach Mr. Clemens name to it, he never gave any of us permission to do that. Plus, stop banning the reading of it. Our children need the culture it brings to light. I will take honesty over a flim flam any day.

Do the folks, who want these changes, realize they are no better than the people who claim the Holocaust never happened. Soon we will rewrite all of history, and our kids will then have to believe lies, because you and I know how it really went down. Fiction tale or otherwise, Mr. Clemens brought to light the circumstances of his day. Black folks were slaves and were mistreated, but the new book will water that all down.

I think if I were a Black man or woman today, I'd be furious at such a suggestion. Those people who want to rewrite this stuff should just craft their own fiction stories, based on life as they know it today, instead of re-writing the history of a day they never lived. They should find new material for their own book, and leave the writings of the past alone. As a writer, what I have written down, is what I meant to say! THE NEW BOOK, that is in the works, would not have been picked up for publishing back then. LOL

My One Solitary Vote : LEAVE THE MAN'S WORDS ALONE!!!

Author Notes I meant to say exactly what I said! Every writer should be furious also, to think some day they will put words in our books too. Is there much of anything sacred today? It doesn't make sense to restore historical monuments, but at the same time burn those books of the past. Oops, I'm getting ahead of myself, they haven't burned them yet, but time will tell.