

Mark Twain

THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER

Read by **Kenneth Jay**

It is England in the time of Henry VIII. Two boys meet. They were born on the same day, they look identical but they are not from the same family. Tom Canty is a pauper living in a hovel in the backstreets of London, surviving as a beggar. The other is Edward, Prince of Wales, and about to become Edward VI.

By a sudden twist of fate, they find themselves in each other's circumstances, the pauper raised to royalty and the prince – to the state of a pauper.

This engaging fantasy is one of the classics of children's literature from the pen of Mark Twain. Woven into the fragment of an exciting story involving two boys trying to make sense of their worlds, is a wealth of historical detail colouring the life and times of Tudor England.



Canadian-born **Kenneth Jay** trained at Ryerson in Toronto but has lived and worked in the United Kingdom since 1983 where his theatrical career has ranged from weekly rep to national tours of *Witness for the Prosecution*, *Noises Off* and *Adam's Dream*. Numerous West End appearances include *The Boys Next Door* and *Indian Ink*. He has also toured Europe with *The Imaginary Invalid* and *I Ought To Be In Pictures*. Film and television includes *Emmerdale*, *The Bill*, *Happy Birthday Shakespeare*, *Cousin Bette* and *Hotel*.

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