

# The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

US TV serial : 1986 : dir. Peter H Hunt : : 4 x 60 min †  
 prod: : scr: Guy Gallo : dir.ph.: Walter Lassally  
[Patrick Day](#); [Eugene Oakes](#) .....  
 Jim Dale; Frederic Forrest; Anne Shropshire; Lillian Gish; Barry Moser; Richard Kiley;  
 Samm-Art Williams; Barnard Hughes; Geraldine Page; Sada Thompson; Butterfly McQueen

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[† later edited down to 105-minute TV movie]

## Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

"This serial is the umpteenth filming of the famous book by Mark Twain, with Day in the title role and Oakes as Tom Sawyer. Guy Gallo wrote the script and the camerawork was in the hands of "ZORBA THE GREEK"'s Walter Lassally. In short, top talent on the technical side. Nonetheless the adaptation remains very thin. The story drags along, barely diverting. It's well-played by some individuals, Gish, Hughes and Thompson for example. The serial was shown on TV in four parts. \*\* "

## Leonard Maltin's TV Movies and Video Guide review:

"Literate, enjoyable version of the Twain classic, with Day a smart, energetic Huck. Centres mostly on his relationship with Jim, the

runaway slave (Williams); as richly rewarding for adults as for kids. Edited down from a 240 minute version broadcast on PBS's "American Playhouse". \*\*\* "

[no listing in "The Encyclopedia of TV Science Fiction", "Halliwell's Television Companion", "History of Television", "How Sweet It Was", "Television's Greatest Hits" or "25 Years of ITV - 1955-1980"]

No further information currently available.

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