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A famous short story

## Luck Details

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### Hind says

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### Bindia says

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### Fed says

This story is really about the 'Peter principle' - someone promoted into a task they are not suited to fulfill - and how someone can truly become someone of importance in the eye of the unassuming superiors. However, as Twain says, when it rains, these individuals show their true colors: they are not suited for the job and thus for the rain. Only by luck they succeed. Good story, not one of Mark's best work.

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### Michael Stopper says

This story is about how the somewhat-ironic actions of a reverend result in the meteoric rise of a British military idiot from the lowly ranks of a private to the admirable position of a Lieutenant-General and war hero. When I first read Luck, I thought it was a weird story, mostly because it seemed pretty bland, and simply told a realistic about a fool. However, Twain masterfully integrates many aspects of common culture and social issues subtly into the story. For example, the story is about a British war hero in the Crimean War, and the British at the time (late 1800s) were expanding their empire to its fullest extent. Twain, a man of many friends, several of whom were abolitionists and activists on current issues, wrote it as a comparison to what the British were doing. Through total luck and stupidity, they subjugated people on three different continents, and did not make reparations until many years later. Luck tells a complex story that talks about discrimination, hints at the idea of a male-dominated society, and reveals more about who Twain was as a real person, through the selection of words and phrasing he used in the story. Luck shows how the most foolish are often the most lucky.

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### Amy says

A short tale of a lucky man in life and the (possibly) jealous man who watched it all happen. I listened to an audiobook of this short story. It was interesting enough accounting the viewpoint of an older gentleman on his encounter of a man who always did the wrong thing but everything always turned out in his favor. This blundering man had luck on his side & the older man watched through the years waiting for him to fail, but he never did. Was the older man jealous of his good fortune? Maybe, maybe not. Pretty good short read for those wanting a quick tale.

### **Vaishali says**

"And now of course, the thing that would expose him, and kill him at last, was mathematics."

"The Crimean War had just broken out. 'Of course. There had to be a war,' I said to myself. 'We couldn't have peace and give this donkey a chance to die before he's found out.' "

"The very best thing in all this world that can befall a man is to be born lucky."

Lol !!!!!!!!!!!!! A great and witty read.

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### **Charles says**

The older you get the more this story rings true. As an attorney, I see judges who fit this description but I will never name names. :)

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### **Stephen Alff (AlffBooks) says**

*2 stars: Enjoyable but not much of a story, either due to flaws in the storyline or character development or the impression that there is something missing, possibly also just not very interesting*

It is an interesting discussion topic but not really much of a story, still it is quick to read and not boring, more of a character introduction at the beginning of a longer story rather than a full story by itself. It feels like something is missing and yet the character is known and he was the story.

I am giving two stars because I did still find that there was something there and it wasn't terrible so it does not deserve only 1 star but it also doesn't have the flesh to it that I think it isn't enough of a good story to be worth 3 stars.

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### **Shoa Khan says**

*"The very best thing in all this world that can befall a man is to be born lucky."*

Funny little story about how not just love, but also luck works in mysterious ways.

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### **Oziel Bispo says**

Always we need a bit of cleverness and hard work to get things in life...but This man had only luck and he

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did it

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### **Magdalen says**

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It lacked something. Can't say it was terrible but not great either.. Something in the middle.

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### **Antonio Kowatsch says**

The clergyman in this story is just a hater. While it is true that luck can be the defining factor in someone's career it would be idiotic to just label people "lucky" who got ahead in life. It always takes luck and hard work/dedication in order to really make it in life (unless you're born into a royal family, that would be the only exception where "luck" prevails). I rest my case.

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### **Chad Sayban says**

A classic Twain short story. The story itself isn't one of his best, but the writing is vintage Twain and you can't help but be drawn into it.

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### **Rania Chokor says**

"The best thing that can happen to a man is to be born lucky."

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### **Yehya Çalî says**

luck means to be at the right place at the right time

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