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### **About Choice Magazine Listening**

Choice Magazine Listening is a free audio anthology for a special audience of blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, or dyslexic subscribers. CML was created in 1962 by the nonprofit Lucerna Fund to offer the best of contemporary magazine writing, completely without charge, to adults unable to read standard print.

CML selects and records memorable writing from approximately 100 leading magazines. Every other month, this unique, free service offers its subscribers eight hours of outstanding unabridged articles, fiction, and poetry, read by professional voices and produced on four-track cassette tapes.

The required four-track player is provided free of charge by the Library of Congress through its Talking Book program, which is available to those who are unable to read because of visual or physical handicap.

In addition to four-track tapes, Choice Magazine Listening is also available to download, free of charge, onto a computer through the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress (NLS). The new digital talking book machines, which are needed in order to listen to the downloaded material, are being distributed by the NLS. To find out more, please go to [nlsbard.loc.gov](http://nlsbard.loc.gov) and click on "BARD Application Instructions."

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## Mark Twain's 'Farm' highlights September issue of Choice Magazine Listening anthology

Port Washington, NY – An excerpt from Mark Twain's previously unpublished autobiography from the British Literary magazine *Granta* and an allegory comparing the building abilities of the bowerbird to Donald Trump highlight the current issue of Choice Magazine Listening.

Every two months, Choice Magazine Listening compiles the finest literary efforts to be found in magazines as selected by a team of professional editors. The articles are then recorded by talented narrators and distributed free of charge to the visually impaired and print-disabled. For nearly 50 years, CML editors have shown a knack for choosing articles, stories, and poems that have gone on to win many literary awards.

Heading the table of contents this month is "The Farm," an excerpt from Mark Twain's autobiography in which he wrote about his childhood and the real-life inspiration for Huckleberry Finn's "Jim," a slave named "Uncle Dan'l."

"We just had to include 'The Farm' in this month's anthology," said Sondra Mochson, Editor in Chief of Choice Magazine Listening. "What a treat it will be for our subscribers to hear the words Twain used to describe events in his life that influenced so many of his classic works."

Another article chosen for this issue comes from *National Geographic*. "Build It and They Will Come" is a fascinating study of a bowerbird named Donald (after Donald Trump) and how it goes the extra mile to build the fanciest bird's nest in the valley in hopes of attracting a mate.

The September anthology features selections from 18 periodicals, including *Time*, *McSweeney's*, *The New Yorker*, *Smithsonian*, *New York Times*, and *Fortune*.

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