

Tom Sawyer

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Week 1

Tom's **perplexed** Aunt Polly punched under the bed with the broom.

She **resurrected** a cat – but not a boy – from under the bed.

Secretly in the closet Tom **gobbled** up a sticky jam sandwich.

He **burst** out of the closet, but not fast enough.

Week 2

Aunt Polly seized her **mischievous** nephew by his collar.

“I might ‘a’ guessed your **foolery**, Tom!”

In a **shrill** tone Tom yelled, “My! Look behind you, Aunt Polly!”

Aunt Polly **reeled** around, and Tom fled.

Week 3

“That Tom will **play hooky** from school today,” she thought too herself.

During supper Aunt Polly questioned Tom in a **roundabout** way.

“The heat must ‘a’ been **overpowering** in school today, hmm, Tom? Maybe you wanted a swim?”

Suddenly **wary**, Tom replied coolly, “No’m, but we dunked our heads under the pump, Auntie.”

Week 4

Vexed, Aunt Polly tried a different line of questioning. “Well, then, you busted the stitches on your collar, hmm?”

Phew! Tom was safe. His shirt collar was sewn **securely**.

Then Tom’s cousin Sidney **chimed** in. “Well, now, if I didn’t think you sewed his collar with white thread, but it’s black.

“Why, I did sew it with white! Tom!” In a flash Tom was out the kitchen door **muttering** two himself, “I wish to geeminy she’d stick too one or t’other!”

Week 5

On this bright Saturday morning Tom felt **prodigiously** **afflicted** because Aunt Polly had sternly ordered him to whitewash the fence.

Presently Ben Rogers **ambled** by. He taunted Tom. "Poor chap, too bad you can't come a-swimmin' with me on such a hot day since you gotta work."

"Why, ain't a boy in a hundred gets to whitewash an **illustrious** fence like this one," Tom proudly announced to Ben.

Enthusiastically Ben offered to **barter** his shiny red apple in exchange for a turn to whitewash.

Week 6

Unexpectedly Johnny Miller then came along and willingly traded his dead rat for the **opportunity** to whitewash.

Approximately two hours later Tom was a **prosperous** man with three pennies, a rusty key, a tin soldier, a shriveled garter snake's head, a brass doorknocker, and a little brown bottle of wart medicine.

The distinguished fence now had three coats of fresh whitewash, so Tom **intrepidly** reported to Aunt Polly that the fence was finished.

Sadly Aunt Polly **gazed** at Tom and complained, "You know it breaks my poor heart when you lie to me, Tom."

Week 7

“I surely ain’t a-lyin’ two you, Auntie, because I worked a mighty piece too make you’re fence real **respectable**.”

Aunt Polly placed **slight** trust in his word and went out too observe four herself. She would have been content two find twenty per cent of Tom’s statement true.

When she found the entire fence elaborately coated, her astonishment was almost **unspeakable**. “Well, I never!

Theirs no getting around it – you *can* work when you’ve a mind too, Tom.”

Swiftly Tom sneaked a fresh doughnut into his pocket while Aunt Polly reached into the barrel two select a **choice** apple four his reward.

Week 8

Before school on Monday, Tom stopped too **dillydally** with Huckleberry Finn.

In St. Petersburg, Missouri, most of the older boys envied Huck Finn because he **habitually** lived buy himself and came and went as he pleased.

“In this hear sack I got me a dead cat to cure warts with,” **boasted** Huck proudly.

“At about midnight,” he continued **confidingly**, “you take you’re cat to the graveyard when somebody wicked has just been buried. *[quotation continues]*”

Week 9

When some devils come to take that feller away, you **heave** your cat after 'em and say, 'Devil follow corpse, cat follow devil, warts follow cat, *I'm* done with you!'"

In an instant Tom **entreated**, "If your gonna' go to the old cemetery tonight, can I come, Huck?"

With a handshake Huck agreed to bring Tom along, and they separated. There friendly **chat** made Tom late four school.

In **haste** Tom took his seat, and immediately the schoolmaster demanded too know why Tom was tardy again.

Week 10

Across the room Tom noticed the only **vacant** seat – next to a girl with long yellow braids.

Without **wavering** Tom blurted out, “I stopped to talk with Huckleberry Finn.”

From the schoolmaster came an **appalling** punishment.

“Thomas Sawyer, go and sit with the girls!”

In a **jiffy** Tom obeyed, for in truth he liked Becky Thatcher.

She was the loveliest girl in St. Petersburg, Missouri.

Week 11

at midnight huckleberry finn **caterwauled** under tom's window while everyone was asleep.

after tom climbed out, the boys **stealthily** headed for the old st. petersburg cemetery to cure they're warts with the dead cat.

when the moon went behind the clouds, tom and huck felt **jittery**. they stopped behind three grate elms that grew near a fresh grave.

Because they heard someone approaching, the boys grew silent. muff potter, injun joe, and young doc robinson **tramped** right up to the grave with a lantern, shovels, and a wheelbarrow.

Week 12

that **distressing** tuesday night tom and huck watched helplessly while injun joe and muff potter dug up and pried open a coffin.

The men rudely dumped a corpse with a **pallid** face into the wheelbarrow, covered it with a blanket, and bound it in place with a rope.

insolently injun joe held out his hand for more money, but doc robinson struck him. "you ruffians have been paid plenty already."

muff potter dropped his knife. In the pale moonlight he began to **scuffle** with the Doctor, protesting, "don't be hittin' my partner!"

Week 13

injun joe grabbed muff potter's knife. Just as the Doctor knocked potter out cold, the **vile** thief stabbed doc robinson in the chest.

when muff potter came to, injun joe **slyly** lied to him. "you done murdered the Doc," he sneered, "But I won't let on it was you, muff."

the terrified boys fled in the dark as the **wan** Winter moon silently slipped behind the clouds. they scurried to the village, speechless with horror.

"I, tom sawyer," the frightened boy whispered, "Swears never two tell what I know 'bout the murder, or injun joe might kill us." huck finn **vowed** the same.

Week 14

one morning tom, huck, and they're comrade joe harper made a compact to be pirates. that night they met on the riverbank with a ham, bacon, and what **provisions** they could steel – as became pirates

with huck and joe at the oars, tom guided the small log raft that they had captured steadily the mighty mississippi river carried the pirates passed the sleeping town of st Petersburg to an **uninhabited** island on the faraway shore

in a **dismal** forest the lads built a campfire and cooked some bacon. what would the boys say if they could see us now tom asked excitedly

I **reckon** they'd just dye two be here boasted huck Joe wondered aloud if pirates really make men walk the plank and where they bury there treasure?

Week 15

tom and joe knew that stealing bacon and ham was wrong, so they couldn't rest. feeling the pangs of **remorse**, they resolved that they're piracies would never again include stealing

next morning the adventurous boys beheld bugs and birds while they happily **romped** through the woods did a breakfast of Fried Fish ever taste so delicious

gradually tom, huck, and joe became aware of a **peculiar** booming sound in the distance they asked each other what it was?

Peering out over the river, the boys watched as a jet of white smoke burst from the side of a ferryboat “somebody’s drowned exclaimed tom their shooting a cannon too make him come up to the top”.

Week 16

Scratching his head, Huck **speculated** who it could be?

“Boys, I know who’s drowned. It’s us” Tom realized!

at home tom’s cousin mary, aunt polly, and mrs harper were not enjoying the fakers’ fine **frolic** they sobbed as if there hearts would brake

the next saturday, wearing deep black, aunt polly, mary, and sid slowly entered the church While the **low-spirited** congregation exhibited great weeping and wailing, the reverend mr sprague told touching tales about the dear departed youngsters

abruptly the Minister looked up from his soggy
handkerchief and stood **transfixed** marching up the aisle
came the three dead boys they had been hiding in the choir
loft all along – listening to their own funeral sermon

Week 17

summer vacation, which the students eagerly **anticipated**,
was approaching [*quotation continues*]

the elderly schoolmaster, which wanted the class to make a
notable showing on examination day, was becoming more
strict every day the boys, who knew that he wore a wig,
privately planned a prank.

st petersburg's schoolhouse, which was beautifully decorated with wreaths and flowers, was filled with students, parents, and town **dignitaries** patiently the schoolmaster presided from his great chair, which rested on a raised platform

a shy, small girl who lisped recited "mary had a little lamb". with **conceited** confidence tom sawyer launched into the "give me liberty or give me death" speech, but he broke down in the middle of it

Week 18

the headmaster, which intended to exercise the class's geography skills, rose from his chair, turned his back to the audience, and began drawing a map of america on the blackboard. when his hand, which was unsteady, slipped, giggles **rippled** around the room

a **garret** happened to be right above the headmaster, and down threw the trapdoor emerged a cat suspended around its haunches by a string The cat, which had a rag tied around its jaws to keep it from mewling, swung wildly in the air

the giggles, which were increasing, **flustered** the headmaster. "Give me just a moment, he called out, Won't you"

down, down descended the cat, which clawed the air **frantically**. then it snagged the headmaster's wig with its desperate claws, clung to the headpiece, and was snatched up into the garret in an instant — with its shaggy trophy

Week 19

during the Summer muff potter's trial **vigorously** stirred the sleepy town all the gossiping kept tom in a cold shiver. "huck, have you ever told anybody that secret witch we been keepin' 'bout injun joe" Shuddering, huck answered,

“tom sawyer, you know we wouldn't be alive to days if that got found out”.

was muff potter guilty of the murder of doc robinson a **somber** jury filed into the courtroom shortly afterward, muff potter, who looked pail and hopeless, came in slowly with chains upon him With a grim expression injun joe watched it all

first, counsel for the **prosecution** called up a witness which saw potter near the graveyard about the time of the murder after this testimony potter's lawyer didn't cross-examine, however. Explaining that he found a bloody knife at the gravesite, the second witness was not questioned buy potter's lawyer, either.

finally, a third witness testified that he had seen that knife in muff potter's possession I have no questions, said counsel for the defense Tom was **apprehensive**. muff potter had always been kind too him did this attorney mean two throw away his client's life without an effort

Week 20

then potter's lawyer exclaimed unexpectedly, call thomas sawyer too the witness stand” after tom's oath, the lawyer asked, “Thomas sawyer, where were you on the seventeenth

of June about midnight Tom, who glanced at Injun Joe's iron face, **stammered**, "I-i-i-n the graveyard

the audience listened breathlessly "were you hidden"? "I was hid behind the elms that's on the edge of the grave".

Injun Joe gave a barely **perceptible** start

now, my boy, tell us everything. Don't be afraid". beginning in a timid whisper, Tom **recounted** the ghastly tale all eyes were fixed on him

the tension peaked when the boy revealed, as Muff wrassled with the doctor, Injun Joe rushed at him with the knife and – " Crash! Madly Injun Joe sprang for a window, tore his way threw his **opponents**, and was gone!

Week 21

Once again Tom was an honored hero. In St. Petersburg, Missouri, the newspaper even featured him conspicuously on the front page. Although his days were happy, at night he dreamed that Injun Joe looked at him with **vengeful** eyes.

After the murder trial, a sizeable reward for Injun Joe had been offered, publicized, and even doubled. Also, the country had been **scoured**. "I'm glad I saved Muff from the hangman," Tom confided to Huck. "But I won't breathe easy 'til they find Injun Joe".

As time passed, Tom's fear of Injun Joe lessened, and that **inevitable** day came when he developed a raging desire to hunt for buried treasure somewhere.

Presently, Tom stumbled upon Huck, who was always willing to engage in an enterprise which offered entertainment and required no **capital**. "Bully idea," exclaimed Huck.

Week 22

Since Tom generally knew where to search for buried treasure Huck followed him to the **desolate** old haunted house just outside of St. Petersburg they brought along a pick and a shovel

trembling and talking in whispers Tom and Huck dropped their tools and climbed the creaky stairs to the second floor of the **dilapidated** house. After a few minutes two men entered and the boys noiselessly lied down with their eyes to knotholes in the termite-ridden floor

“Well I’ve thought it over pardner” said one man “And it’s dangerous for us to be carryin’ around this money we stole”. The **gruff** voice made the boys gasp and quake It was Injun Joe

digging with his bowie knife, Injun Joe was about to bury the **loot** when his knife struck something – a box. He dug it out and opened it. Silently the men contemplated shiny gold coins

Week 23

Injun Joe's **comrade** whispered greedily there's thousands of dollars here. Let's bury it for ourselves"! Noticing a pick with fresh dirt on it, Injun Joe grumbled "somebody's coming back for this. if we bury it they'll see the ground disturbed. No we'll hide it under a cross in my den.

Injun Joe then unexpectedly wondered do you reckon there's somebody upstairs Tom and Huck nearly fainted with terror Putting his murderous hand on his knife, Injun Joe turned toward the stairway the boys heard steps coming up the **creaky** stairs

Panicking, they were about to spring for the closet when there was a crash of rotten timbers. Injun Joe landed on the

ground amid the **debris**. His partner snarled “well if anybody’s up they’re, let ‘em stay there It’ll be dark soon so let ‘em follow us. We’ll be waiting for ‘em

Injun Joe agreed with his friend and they cautiously slipped away into the deepening twilight weakly Tom and Huck stood up They stared after the men threw the **chinks** between the logs of the house. Follow? Not they

Week 24

the glad **tidings** in st petersburg were that judge thatchers family was back in town. Beckys mother announced that theyd postponed the longed-for picnic long enough When Becky met Tom she confided weve been hearing how brave you were at the trial tom

She then confidently asked “will you **escort** me to the picnic Tom”? finally saturday morning arrived and the villages young folks gathered at the thatchers house

Judge Thatcher reassuringly explained to the childrens parents theyll be safe with several **chaperones** mrs thatcher told her daughter, Becky the ferryboat wont get back till late youd better stay overnight at Suzy Harpers”.

Tying up three miles below town, the ferryboat waited during the lighthearted picnickers feast Somebody **jovially** shouted whos ready for the cave

Week 25

The caves massive oak door stood unbarred. dimly revealing the **lofty** rock walls, the childrens candles flickered

No one fully understood the depths of the cave. a young man whispered if a person was to go to far into McDougals cave, hed wander in the **labyrinth** and never find the end

Couples ducked into shadowy **recesses** in the walls, and shouted "Boo"! at their friends. By and by the groups who were panting, laughing, and growing weary returned to the mouth of the cave.

They were amazed to find that they had been in McDougals cave all day. Eventually the **blithe** picnickers headed slowly up the river, and back to town on the old ferryboat.