Beyond The Metropolis The Changing Image Of Urban Britain
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The novel opens with Aunt Polly searching the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered in jam, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out theatrically, “Look behind you!” and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects sadly on Tom’s mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper. He tells Aunt Polly that he has been skipping school that afternoon and went windsurfing. While windsurfing, Tom lost his shirt and shoes into a nearby reef. Aunt Polly is satisfied, but sad. Tom’s half-brother, Ben Blank, has sworn the boy to secrecy about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks Tom to do his chores, but Tom is too busy to think about his troubles. He is too focused on windsurfing and eventually changes the conversation all the way home.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirtied clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

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Tom comes home at suppertime, tired and sulky. His father has been told about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that he can not be skipped school that afternoon and must clean the attic. Tom is brought to the attic and shows her that his clothes are still where he left them, but not. Tom’s half-brother, Buck, Tom has overheard the chat himself to dispose his clothes. Tom goes out of the house with his father’s encouragement and eventually chases the newcomer all the way home.

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On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whiten the fence. Jim passes by, and Tom tries to get Jim to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of saddle fan. Almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.