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 with ink, 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 suppertime, and Aunt Polly shows him the burned book and decries how Tom’s uncles still haven’t found out about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly tells about how Tom was skipped school that afternoon and went swimming in the pond. His clothes are still arrayed, but not his. Tom’s half-brother, Benjy, has come home, and Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom has sworn to disinter his uncle Mark. Tom has sworn to disinter his uncle Mark. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom has sworn to disinter his uncle Mark.

Tom goes out of the house and goes to the deserted and remote spots to be alone and免于羞辱。While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom and the new arrival cross paths. Tom and Benjy eventually chase the new arrival all the way home.

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

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Tom passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of cargo. Tom almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.
The novel opens with Aunt Polly scrounging the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are creeping with 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 time. He is so hungry that he could eat a horse; and Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom and the new arrival of his aunt.

Tom goes out of the house laughing. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, he encounters two boys who have been skipping school that afternoon and are now in serious trouble. One of the boys, a friend of Tom’s, tells him about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly is so scolding and meditative that Tom’s half-brother, Sid, Tom’s half-brother, and Tom have to play catch. Tom has sworn the boy to secrecy.

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.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Jim passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “trade alloy,” a kind of marble. Jim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.
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