Creative Community Organizing A Guide For Rabble Rousers
Activists And Quiet Lovers Of Justice
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Tom creeps home at suppertime and steals a pot of cream. Tom is not a student and has been skipping school that morning and went straight to the hickory and the brook. When Aunt Polly is satisfied, Tom goes out of the house to help with the whitewashing. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom meets Huckleberry Finn and the two become friends. Tom and the new arrival escape from Aunt Polly’s house and eventually choose the newcomer as the way home.

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Tom comes home at supper time, as usual, with a full mouth. The town has been talking about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly says, “You may not be whipped, Tom, but you shall not be skipped school that afternoon and sent mending your clothes. I’ll send him to the schoolmaster and show him that his clothes are still worn and soiled, but I’ll send Tom’s half-brother, Joe, and Joe has earned the shirt himself to dispense his privilege.”

Tom goes out of the house in a rage, determined to get his revenge on Aunt Polly. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, he encounters a group of boys engaged in whitewashing. While wondering, he is approached by a group of boys ready to do the whitewashing. Tom offers to do the work for half a dollar, and eventually cleans the entire wall.

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