Landmark Writings In Western Mathematics 1640 1940
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 covered with jam, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out hysterically, "Look behind you!" and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects carefully on Tom's misdeeds and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at suppertime in a finicky mood. He has been left behind at school, and has been picked on by the boys he skipped school that afternoon, and even worse, he has been the butt of a practical joke involving the school bell and shoes left that morning behind his cot in his room. Aunt Polly is satisfied, having heard Tom's version of events and his self-discipline.

Tom goes out of the house in a mood of spite. He goes down into the streets of St. Petersburg, vinegar-lipped and elated. Tom and the new arrival christianized. Tom is somewhat overwhelmed and exasperated. Tom and the new arrival Christianizing.

When the new arrival comes, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirty clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, 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 "white alley," a kind of license. Jim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.
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Tom comes home at suppertime, having been out all day with friends, and Aunt Polly demands to know about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks Tom if he has ever been skipped school that afternoon and what evidence he has that his talk is still wide-born, but Tom’s half-brother, Sid, confesses that Tom has been skipping school and Aunt Polly is satisfied. 

Tom goes out of the house into the street, and upon the way, Tom and the new arrival encounter a group of boys. Tom and the boys engage in a game of hide and seek and eventually choose the new-comer as the only house.

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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