

Chapter 1 The Fence

Tom Sawyer lived with his aunt because his mother and father were dead. Tom didn't like going to school, and he didn't like working. He liked playing and having adventures. One Friday, he didn't go to school—he went to the river.

Aunt Polly was angry. “You’re a bad boy!” she said. “Tomorrow you can’t play with your friends because you didn’t go to school today. Tomorrow you’re going to work for me. You can paint the fence.”

Saturday morning, Tom was not happy, but he started to paint the fence. His friend Jim was in the street.

Tom asked him, “Do you want to paint?”

Jim said, “No, I can’t. I’m going to get water.”

Then Ben came to Tom’s house. He watched Tom and said, “I’m going to swim today. You can’t swim because you’re working.”

Tom said, “This isn’t work. I like painting.”

“Can I paint, too?” Ben asked.

“No, you can’t,” Tom answered. “Aunt Polly asked me because I’m a very good painter.”

Ben said, “I’m a good painter, too. Please, can I paint? I have some fruit. Do you want it?”

OK,” Tom said. “Give me the fruit. Then you can paint.”

Ben started to paint the fence. Later, many boys came to Tom’s house. They watched Ben, and they wanted to paint, too.

Tom said, “Give me some food and you can paint.”

Tom stayed in the yard, and the boys painted. They painted the fence three times. It was beautiful and white.

Tom went into the house. “Aunt Polly, can I play now?” he asked.

Aunt Polly was surprised. “Did you paint the fence?” she asked.

“Yes, I did,” Tom answered.

Aunt Polly went to the yard and looked at the fence. She was very surprised and very happy. “It’s beautiful!” she said. “Yes, you can play now.”

Tom walked to his friend Joe Harper’s house and played with his friends there. Then he walked home again. There was a new girl in one yard. She had yellow hair and blue eyes. She was beautiful. Tom wanted to talk to her, but she didn’t see him. She went into her house. Tom waited, but she didn’t come out again.

Chapter 2 In the Graveyard

One morning before school, Tom’s friend Huck Finn waited for him in the street. Huck didn’t have a home, and he never went to school. People in the town didn’t like him. But Tom liked Huck.

Huck said, “Let’s have an adventure.”

“What can we do on our adventure?” Tom asked.

“Let’s go to the graveyard at night—at twelve o’clock!” Huck answered.

“That’s a good adventure,” Tom said. “Let’s meet at eleven o’clock.”

Then Tom went to school, but he was late. The teacher was angry. He asked, “Why are you late again?”

“I’m late because I talked to Huck Finn,” Tom said. Then the teacher was very angry. “Sit with the girls,” he said to Tom.

Tom sat near the beautiful new girl. He was happy. He looked at her.

“What’s your name?” he asked.

“Becky,” she answered.

Tom smiled and said, “My name’s Tom.”

The teacher was angry again. “Tom Sawyer, stop talking! Go to your place now,” he said. Tom went to his place.

At twelve o’clock Tom and Becky didn’t go home. They stayed in the school yard and talked. Tom said, “I love you. Do you love me?”

“Yes,” Becky answered.

“Good,” Tom said. “Then you’re going to walk to school with me every day. Amy always walked with me.”

“Amy!” Becky said angrily. “Do you love her?”

“No,” Tom answered. “I love you now. Do you want to walk with me?”

But Becky was angry with Tom. She walked away and didn’t answer. Tom was unhappy. He didn’t go to school in the afternoon.

That night Tom went to bed at nine o’clock, but he didn’t sleep. At eleven o’clock he went out his bedroom window to the yard. Huck was there. They walked to the graveyard. They stopped behind some big trees and talked quietly.

Suddenly, there was a noise. Three men came into the graveyard—the doctor, Muff Potter, and Injun Joe. Injun Joe and the doctor talked angrily. Then Injun Joe

killed the doctor with a knife. Tom and Huck watched. Then they went away quickly because they were afraid.

They went to Tom's yard. Huck said, "We can't talk about this. Injun Joe can find us and kill us, too."

"That's right," Tom said. "We can't talk about it."

Tom went in his bedroom window. He went to bed, but he didn't sleep well. Tom and Huck didn't talk to their friends or Aunt Polly about that night because they were afraid of Injun Joe.

Later, some men went to Muff Potter and said, "You're a bad man. You killed the doctor."

Chapter 3 A Bad Day

Becky was sick and didn't go to school for many days. Tom was very sad. One morning, he said to Aunt Polly, "I'm very sick, and I want to stay home from school."

Aunt Polly said, "Here's some medicine. Take this and you can get well quickly."

But Tom didn't like the medicine. Peter, the cat, came into the room and looked at Tom.

"Peter!" Tom said. "Have some medicine!"

Peter had some medicine. He didn't like it! He went quickly out the open window and into the yard.

Aunt Polly watched Peter. "Why did you do that, Tom?" she asked angrily. "You're a very bad boy! Go to school now."

Tom arrived at school early and he waited for Becky at the school fence. She arrived early, too, but she didn't

look at Tom. She went into school. Tom walked away. He didn't want to go to school now. He was very sad.

Joe Harper was near the school. He was sad, too, because his mother was angry with him. The two boys walked and talked.

Tom said, "Let's run away."

"Yes, let's!" Joe said.

The two boys went to the river. Huck Finn was there. Tom and Joe said, "We're going to run away. Do you want to come with us?"

"Yes," Huck answered. "Let's go across the river. We can have a good adventure there."

The boys went home because they wanted to get food for their adventure.

Chapter 4 Across the River

Tom, Joe, and Huck went to the river. There was a small boat there. The boys went across the river in the small boat. They said, "This is a good place because we can play all day. There's no school here."

They played and then went to sleep.

In the morning, the boys were happy again. They said, "Let's stay here for a long time."

In the afternoon, they played near the river again. Suddenly, there was a noise from a big boat on the river. The boys stopped playing and watched the boat.

"Listen," Tom said. "The men on the boat are talking about us."