Tom Swayer lives with his Aunt Polly and his half-brother Sid. He skips school to swim and is made to whitewash the fence the next day as punishment. He cleverly persuades his friends to trade him small treasures fro the privilege of doing his work. He then trades the treasures for Sunday School trickets which one normally receives for memorizing verses consistently, redeeming them for a Bible, much to the surprise and bewilddermemnt of the superintendent who thought “it was simply preposterouis that this boy had wearehouse two thousand sheaves of Scriptural wisdom on his premises – a dozen would strain his capacity, without a doubt.”

Tom falls in love with Becky Thatcher, a new girl in town, and persuades her to get”engaged” by