Tom Sawyer 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 friend to trade him small traeasures for the privilege of doing his work. He then trades the treasures for Sunday School tickets which one normally receives for memorizing verses consistenly, redeeming them for a Bible, much to the surprise and bewilderment of the superintendednt who throught “it was simply preposterous that his boy had warehoused two thousand sheaves of scriptural wisdowm on his premises – a dozen would strain his capacity, without a doubt.

Tom falls in love with Becky thactcher, a new girl in town, and persuades her to get engaged by kissing him. But their romance collapses when she learns Tom has been engaged previously to Amy Lawrence. Shorlty after Becky shuns him, he accompanies Huckleberry Finn to the graveyard at night, where they witness a trio of body snatchers, Dr Robinson, Muff Potter, and Injun Joe, getting into a fight. While Potter is a knocked unconscious during the scuffle, Injun Joe sstabs the doctor to death and later pins the blame on Potter, who is arrested and suspected to be the murderer. Potter is then shunned by