Tom Sawyer lives with his Aunt Polly and his hal-brother Sid. He skips school to swim and is made to whitewash the fence the next day as punsishment. He cleverly persuades his friends to trade him small treasures for the privilege of doing his work. He then trades the treasures for SDunday School tickets which one normally receives for memorizing verses consistently, redeeming them for a Bible, much to the surprise and bewilderment of the superintendent who thought “it was simply preposterous that this boy had warehoused two thousand sheaves of Scritptural wisdom on his presmises – as dozen would stain his capacity, without a doubt.”

Tom falls in love with Becky Thatcher, a new girl in town, and persuades her to get “engaged” by kissing him. But their romance collapses when she learns Tom has been “egaged” previously to Amy Lawrence. Shortly after Becky shuns him, he accompanies Huckleberry Finn to the graveyard at night, where they witness a trio ob f bodysnatchers, Dr. Ronbinson, Muff Portter and Injun Joe, getting into a fight. While Portter is knowkcked unconscious during the scuffle, Injun Joe stabs the doctor to death and later pins the blame of Potter, who is arrests