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 friends to trade him a small treasures for the privilege of doing his work. He then trades the treasures for Sunday School tickets which one normally receives for memorizing verses consistently, redeeming then for a Bible, much to the surprise and bewildernetment of the superintendent who thought “it was simply preporterous that this boy had warehoused two thousand sheaves of Scriptural wisdom on his premises