

## SYNOPSIS

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer is the story of a few months in the life a 'young boy' living in a small town, on the bank of river. The boy, Tom Sawyer, is both clever and adventures, often finding that the way in which adult go about things is wrong and, on occasion, helping to correct their mistaken view of the world. Tom lives with his Aunt Polly, she is a very kind, elderly lady, determined to bring up her nephew to be good citizen. However, Tom, with his love with adventure, finds himself using his wits to avoid many of the things which Aunt Polly tries to force on him and she, in turn, often finds herself forced to admire the spirit of her 'naughty' nephew.

Tom is a friend of the son of the village outcast, Huckleberry Finn. Huck is able to live the sort of life which Tom admires very much, a life free from church, baths and other uncomfortable aspects of civilised life. The two boys, in the local graveyard one night, is intending to bury of a cat in attempt to cure wart. Normally, Tom has to indulge in 'making believe' adventure to enliven his existence. But, in the dark grave yard, he witnesses the murder and when an innocent man is arrested, two frightened boys, together with his friends, Joe, leave the village and hide themselves on an island. The villagers believe that the boys have been drowned and are very surprised when the three reappear just in time to hear the

preacher delivering a funeral oration for the 'dead'. The boys immediately become the local heroes and when the innocent Jeff Potter is about to be sentenced for a murder he did not commit. Tom stands up in the court and witnesses about the real identity of the murderer. The murderer is Injun Joe now he is in the court. But he escapes after Tom gives his witness.

Tom is frightened if Injun Joe comes after him and tries to kill him. Later in the summer, he goes on a picnic with his sweetheart, Becky Thatcher. The two, Tom and Becky get lost in the maze of caves. Tom sees Injun Joe, who is visiting the site of his buried treasure. Tom eventually finds a way out of the cave and returns with Becky to the village. There he hears that the main entrance of the cave has been closed off, and on his horror, he worries because Injun Joe must be trapped inside. The villagers are in a hurry to go to the caves and find the body of murderer who has been trying to hack his way out of the death-trap.

Some day later, Tom again returns to the cave. This time he goes together with Huck and they dig up the buried treasure. When the villagers discover that Huck is rich, they immediately make plans to civilise him. He is adopted by Widow Douglas and the novel ends with Tom trying to persuade Huck to suffer the indignities imposed on him by his well-meaning lady, just as Tom puts up with the things that Aunt Polly forces on him.

