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The novel opens with Aunt Polly scouring the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with paint, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out theatrically, “Look behind you!” and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects sadly on Tom’s mischievous ways and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at suppertime, and his aunt is so angry she almost forgets to feed him. She tells him he will have to stay home and do his chores instead of skipping school that afternoon and going to town. Tom is crestfallen and threatens to quit school, but Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom plans to run away and join the circus, but Aunt Polly is not convinced he can support himself. Tom naively believes he can make a fortune in the West, but Aunt Polly reminds him that he is still a child and that his father is not around to help him.

Tom goes out of the house and wanders the streets of St. Petersburg. He hears a horse whistling and sees a man with a carved horse on a wagon. Tom and the new arrival catch up and eventually decide to go for a ride. When they return, they find Aunt Polly waiting for them. She notices his dirty clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Jim passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of whistle. Jim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.
The novel opens with Aunt Polly scrounging the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with jam, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out theatrically, “Look behind you!” and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects sadly on Tom’s mischievous and brazen behavior. She feels sorry for herself, and even her cat, Tinker, is satisfied.

Tom comes home at suppertime. He is dressed in torn and stained clothes and is carrying a book about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly is bored by Tom’s stories of his adventures and even Tom’s half-brother, Sid, is bored by Tom’s stories of his adventures. However, Tom has sworn to himself to disguise his behavior.

Tom goes out of the house to play. He finds a hole in the fence and squeezes through. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom is impressed by the wonder and grandeur of the town. Tom and the new arrival against the backdrop of a baby carriage and eventually choose the new arrival at the way home.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirty clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Sam passes by, and Tom tries to get Sam to do some of the whitewashing so Tom can turn to “a white alley,” a kind of marble. Sam almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases Sam off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.