

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

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Tom Sawyer is a boy that lives in St Petersburg with his aunt Polly, because his mother died. Tom doesn't like school, he doesn't like work, but he likes swimming and fishing, and having adventures with his friends. He has a lot of adventures.

One night he and his friend Huck Finn go to the graveyard to look for ghosts. They don't see any ghosts that night. They see something worse than a ghost: they see three men, Muff Potter, Injun Joe and Doctor Robinson. They are going to rob a grave, because Doctor Robinson wants a dead body for his studies. The three men start to fight, and Injun Joe hits Doctor Robinson's back with Muff Potter's knife. The doctor falls to the ground dead on top of Muff Potter, and when Muff wakes up, Injun Joe makes him believe that he killed the doctor. Injun Joe leaves Muff's knife next to the doctor's body, and Muff Potter is arrested and taken to prison.

Tom and Huck are scared, and they decide not to tell anyone what they saw.

One day during the summer holidays Tom, Huck and their friend Joe Harper decide to go down the Mississippi river to Jackson's Island with a small boat. They have a lot of fun, they fish, cook and smoke also. Their families are very sad because they think the boys are dead, and organize a funeral for them. The boys go back to the village when they are celebrating their funerals and everybody is very happy to see them again. The day of Muff Potter's trial arrives, and Tom and Huck are anxious and worried for Muff, who is going to jail even if he is innocent. At the trial Tom is called by the judge and asked some questions: Tom tells the true story, but Injun Joe runs away. Tom is very anxious, because Injun is not in jail and he's a dangerous man.

One hot summer's day Tom and Huck decide to go and dig for treasure under an old tree. They dig for hours, but they can't find any treasure. They see an abandoned old house, and decide to go there. While they are upstairs, they hear some noises, and through some holes on the floor they see Injun Joe and the old Spaniard. They robbed a house and they are leaving a lot of money in the house. While they're digging to hide the money, Injun Joe finds a box full of money. They decide to hide it "under the cross". Tom and Huck are very excited about the money, but they don't know where the cross is.

On Becky Thatcher's birthday a big boat takes Becky, Tom and their friends down the river to have a picnic. After the picnic all the children visit McDougal's Cave. It is a very big cave, with hundreds of tunnels and rooms. Then Tom and Becky leave their friends, and visit the cave by themselves but they get lost in the tunnels. In one tunnel Tom

sees Injun Joe, but Injun Joe runs away. In the end Tom manages to find a way out of the cave, and they go home. Two weeks later, Mr Thatcher tells Tom that there are big doors across the cave mouth. Tom says that Injun Joe is in the cave, and an hour later fifty men go to the cave, open the doors and find Injun Joe dead with his knife in his hand.

After Injun Joes's funeral, Tom and Huck think about the box with the treasure and go back to the cave to look for it. They find the cross, dig under it and find the box full of money: They become the richest people in St Petersburg.