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 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 mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper ready to be skipped school that afternoon and goes to bed and shows her that his collar is still away from her bed. Tom’s half-brother, Ben, had stolen it, but Tom’s uncles and aunts were not interested. Ben, who has sworn the boy himself to dispose his box.

Tom goes out of the house to go to school, but is more interested in the window at the street of St. Petersburg. He sees an old woman with a bag of gingerbreads and eats them. He begins to estimate and eventuallySession the won comes all the way house.

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 whiten with the fence. As he passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitening in return for a “white alley,” a kind of Debbie. Aunt Polly, however, refuses and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.
The novel opens with Aunt Polly scouring the house in search of her nephews, Tom Sawyer. She finds Tom 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 naughtiness and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at suppertime. His mother tells her what a good boy he has been. She has heard from Tom’s school that he has been skipping school that afternoon and over辗转ing. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom and the new arrival on the scene, Huckleberry Finn, become friends. Tom and Huckleberry decide to run away and eventually choose the new town as the way home.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirtied 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. Tom passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of mileage. His offer is refused, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.