



# The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

by Mark Twain

Mark Twain's spirited tale of a clever Missouri boy navigating friendship, romance, and adventure on the Mississippi River, brimming with American frontier dialect and humor.

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## Power Words

#	WORD	DEFINITION
1	<b>recklessly</b>	adv. acting without thinking about the consequences.   "Tom recklessly leapt from the bluff into the river, ignoring every warning Aunt Polly had ever given."
1	<b>audaciously</b>	adv. in a bold and daring manner.   "Tom audaciously returned to his own funeral, savoring every gasp from the weeping congregation below."
1	<b>boisterous</b>	adj. noisy energetic and cheerful.   "The boisterous laughter of the boys carried across the water as their raft drifted lazily downstream."
1	<b>conspire</b>	v. to plan secretly with others to do something illegal or harmful.   "Tom and Huck would conspire for hours under the oak tree, hatching plans too grand to ever finish."
1	<b>cunningly</b>	adv. in a way that is clever and tricky.   "Tom cunningly convinced three boys to pay him for the privilege of painting the fence that morning."
1	<b>exaggerate</b>	v. to make something seem larger or more important than it really is.   "Tom had a natural gift to exaggerate every danger he had faced, making listeners lean in closer."
1	<b>impulsive</b>	adj. acting or done without forethought or consideration; characterized by sudden urges or desires.   "Tom was impulsive by nature, leaping into every adventure before weighing a single consequence or cost."
1	<b>melancholy</b>	n. a deep feeling of sadness or sorrow.   "A melancholy mood settled over Tom whenever Becky refused to speak to him across the schoolroom aisle."
1	<b>mischievous</b>	adj. causing or showing a fondness for causing trouble in a playful way.   "Tom's mischievous grin told Aunt Polly everything she needed to know before she even checked the fence."
1	<b>remorseful</b>	adj. feeling deep regret or guilt for a wrong.   "Tom grew remorseful when he saw Aunt Polly weeping, having let her believe he was truly drowned."
1	<b>romanticize</b>	v. to give a romantic character or interpretation to; to have romantic ideas attitudes or tendencies.   "Tom would romanticize even the dullest chore, transforming whitewashing into the envy of the entire street."
1	<b>sentimentally</b>	adv. in a way that is influenced by feelings and emotions.   "Tom sentimentally kept Becky's ribbon hidden away, taking it out only when he was certain no one watched."
1	<b>superstitious</b>	adj. having or showing beliefs in supernatural things or luck.   "Huck was deeply superstitious about dead cats and moonlit graveyards, and Tom did nothing to discourage him."
1	<b>terrified</b>	adj. very scared or frightened.   "Tom stood terrified in the shadowed graveyard, unable to move as Injun Joe's voice rose in anger."
1	<b>terrifying</b>	adj. causing great fear or dread.   "The terrifying echo of Injun Joe's footsteps in the cave sent both children scrambling deeper into the dark."