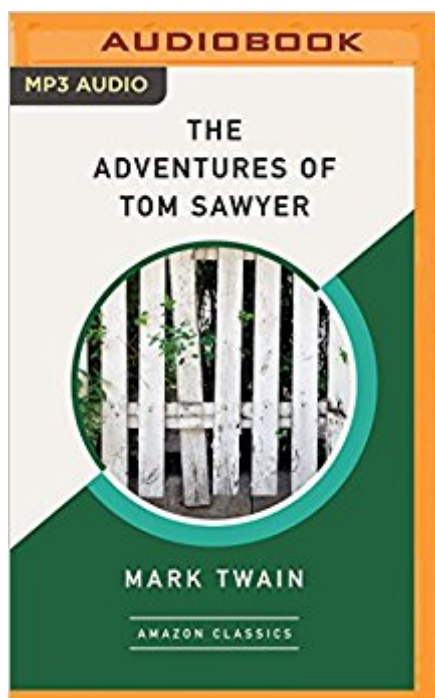


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# The Adventures Of Tom Sawyer (Classics Edition)



## Synopsis

Whether he's sneaking doughnuts, mooning over a pretty girl, or snookering the local boys to do his work for him, Tom Sawyer is the consummate schemer—but his charm and easygoing nature keep him from being in anyone's bad graces for long. However, when Tom teams up with his friend Huck Finn, their sleepy Missouri town had better watch out. Based on Mark Twain's memories of growing up along the Mississippi River, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* is both an idyllic picture of boyhood and an affectionate satire of adult conventions. Classics brings you timeless works from the masters of storytelling. Ideal for anyone who wants to read a great work for the first time or rediscover an old favorite, these new editions open the door to literature's most unforgettable characters and beloved worlds. Revised edition: Previously published as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, this edition of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (Classics Edition) includes editorial revisions.

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## Customer Reviews

Known best by his pen name, American novelist and humorist Mark Twain (1835–1910) grew up as Samuel L. Clemens in the tiny town of Hannibal, Missouri. His home on the Mississippi River inspired his classic novels *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, which showcase and skewer the American South through coming-of-age stories that challenge cultural norms. Twain's own life was filled with adventures—he joined the Confederate Army, prospected for gold, and piloted a steamboat on the Mississippi before becoming a reporter for the *Virginia City Territorial Enterprise*. There, he honed the colorful, witty

storytelling style that would make him one of America's most beloved authors. A short story about mining camp life "Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog" gave Twain his first big break. He went on to write *The Innocents Abroad*, *The Prince and the Pauper*, and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

This novel should be read by every person on Earth. The story of a young boy in Middle America at a pretty peaceful and settled agrarian time. Tom's story is that of every boy of that age, no matter where that boy, who has now become a man, lives. He may not whitewash a fence, or run away to play pirates, but all the little things that Tom enjoys and experiences, we all have or wish we had. Please don't stop at seeing the many remakes of this book at the movies. Experience the fun, love and excitement of Tom as he experiences his young life. I would recommend *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* to everyone from the ages of about twelve years to old folks like me. It is fun, entertaining and enduring. Enjoy this novel by the genius of Mark Twain. David G. Parsons

Oh, the adventures of youth! I recently re-read this book in preparation for my son Sawyer's Tom Sawyer-themed first birthday party and I quite enjoyed it. Mark Twain says in the introduction that he hopes adults will enjoy his work because they were once children too... and it's fun to reminisce on the days of youth. I love how adventurous, free-spirited, independent and curious Tom Sawyer and his friends are, just like my own son. I think today's helicopter/over-protective parents would faint and die at all of these kids' adventures. They roam wild and free... until returning home for supper and bedtime prayers. ;) I like how Tom Sawyer is in the middle of the bunch in terms of standing-- he's not a ragtag son of a hobo like Huck Finn but he's also not the richest or most upstanding boy in school (although he is able to pull off stunts so elaborate that even the esteemed Judge Thatcher, Becky's father, admires him... and in the end, Tom really does earn and deserve his reputation that he earlier faked his way into). I feel bad for him not having a mother or father and having to live with the brown-nosing teacher's/parent's pet cousin Sid, but I think he manages to stay quite happy with his imagination and adventures, and that he does love his Aunt Polly and she him... although I wish she and every other adult in the book would lay off the child beatings! This book is not only one of the first great American novels but it's also the quintessential story of boyhood! Pirates, Robinhood, fishing, rafting, running away, getting lost in a cave, sneaking out at night, playing with marbles and other toys (even dead animals!)... it's all in here. And even falling in love! I really enjoyed reading the parts about how much Tom loves Becky Thatcher. I

believe this book is a romance as well as a childrens' story. And of course I enjoyed the famous part about Tom tricking everyone into doing his work for him. He's clever, spunky, AND sweet... the perfect boy! Just like mine! Yet this book reminds us that being a young child is not all about fun and games. Tom and his gang learn some important life lessons and Tom is forced to step up and tell the truth in the name of justice. There's even some legal drama in this book as well. I would rate this book 4.5 stars. My only critique of this book is that it starts and ends with a bang but seems to fizzle out in the middle. I think it could have been shorter but I believe it was written as a serial and needed more volume/words. Although I was a little bored and restless in the middle (much like Tom is in church!), it soon picked up and the entire last third really delivered. My eyes were glued to my Kindle, wondering "What's going to happen?" Even though I'm an adult and had read the book before, I had no idea, and totally fell into the suspense. I highly enjoyed reading this book, both for getting ideas for my son's party as well as for fun. I would recommend it to children AND adults everywhere. I plan to read the other three books in the series soon.

My 13-year old nephew, who hates reading, had this as his summer reading assignment for 7th grade. While he pretended to read the first few chapters, and could not answer the questions I was asking to check on his reading comprehension, he really got into the book after I had him read out loud some of Tom's antics - boys never change! The dialect can be a challenge but we would discuss each chapter after he read it. I took advantage of the great resources available online to help challenge him to think about and understand what was happening throughout the book. I also highlighted Twain's use and borrowing of Christian concepts and worldview whenever I could (e.g. The boys making a promise and signing an oath in blood, we see the God of the Bible make a promise to Abraham which was kept thru the shed blood of Christ on the cross or when Tom takes the whippings for Becky knowing she could not bear such punishment, similar to the biblical account of Jesus Christ taking the place of sinful man, bearing the punishment for our sins on the cross.) When my nephew finished (which took him about two weeks) he could not believe it was over, so we have downloaded Huck Finn for him to read! He is looking forward to reading more about the boys and the place Twain introduced him to in Tom Sawyer. Truly a timeless classic of American literature.

I listened to the Adventures of Tom Sawyer through an Audible audiobook, and it was entertaining and quick! The whole story was only about four hours and kept me engaged throughout. Mark Twain is a master of dialect. I don't know of many authors that can effectively pull off that technique

today. Twain includes so much action in every chapter, and I can see why this book has remained a classic for so many years. However, I wonder if this book was published today, would it still receive the same attention it has over the years? Would a publisher even want to publish it? There is much violence in the story since a lot of it centers on a murder in the small southern town, and since this book is intended for children, I don't think parents would approve of it anymore. It took place during a different time where kids could go off on their own and be missing for hours before parents worried. Many parents are overprotective of their children, and I think several of them would think this story would give bad ideas to children. I'd love to hear what other people think. Overall, I found the story humorous, charming, and engaging. I would recommend to people of all ages, including children reading at the middle grade level.

Kindle version is hard to read. The sections are mixed up and the pictures are missing. I think some of the chapters are missing too

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