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 how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper time. Aunt Polly is satisfied. She tells him about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks Tom to come and see her in the bedroom and shows him that his collar is still new from the store. But Tom is still busy. He has arranged to disguise himself to go down to town and put on a show. Tom has arranged to skip school that afternoon and see someone in town before he goes home.

Tom goes out of the house. On his way he runs into a stranger who is looking for someone. Tom talks to the stranger and eventually chases the newcomer all 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. Jim passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a "white alley," a kind of antique. Jim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.
The novel begins with Aunty Polly searching the house in search of her nephew, Tom Syney. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with jam, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out desperately, "Look behind you!" and when Aunty Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunty Polly reflects sadly on Tom's naughtiness and how she lets him get away with too much.

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