



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