



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. acting without thinking about the consequences. "Tom recklessly leapt from the bluff into the river, ignoring every warning Aunt Polly had ever given."
1	audaciously	adv. in a bold and daring manner. "Tom audaciously returned to his own funeral, savoring every gasp from the weeping congregation below."
1	boisterous	adj. noisy energetic and cheerful. "The boisterous laughter of the boys carried across the water as their raft drifted lazily downstream."
1	conspire	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	cunningly	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	exaggerate	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	impulsive	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	melancholy	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	mischievous	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	remorseful	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	romanticize	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	sentimentally	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	superstitious	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	terrified	adj. very scared or frightened. "Tom stood terrified in the shadowed graveyard, unable to move as Injun Joe's voice rose in anger."
1	terrifying	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."