A Cold Legacy The Madmans Daughter 3 Megan Shepherd
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 jams, 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 wistfully on Tom's mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at suppertime and tells Aunt Polly about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly skips school that afternoon and goes scrounging for the lost seal from Tom's room. She finds Tom's half-brother, Sid, and Tom's dog, Jack, and Tom's friend, Becky Thatcher. Tom has warned the dog to escape his traps. Tom goes out of the house and sees a street preacher selling his book. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom and the new arrival can't help but laugh at the preacher and eventually choose to wander around the city.

When Tom returns home in the evening, Aunt Polly is waiting for him. She notices his dirty 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. His enemies try, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a "white alley," a kind of tackle. Tom almost agrees, but Aunt Polly is satisfied and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.
The novel opens with Aunt Polly scouring the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with ink, 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 mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper with a long face and a secret. He has fought a duel that afternoon and won. He has been dropped out of school that afternoon and went instead to St. Petersburg to meet with the man who threw the ink at him. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom has earned the money he needs to buy a new jacket and a new hat. Tom and the new arrival eat a hasty dinner and eventually choose the new clothes 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. His paces by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a "wheat field," a kind of outback. His aunt agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.