William Tyndale A Biography Yale Nota Bene
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Tom comes home at suppertime. Tom has had adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly tells the boys that Tom has been skipped school that afternoon and spent time in the woods, and Tom and his curly head and shiny hair that his mother is still worried about. But it's Tom's half-brother, Huck, who has escaped the house. Tom has sworn the boy to secrecy and the two boys are off on new adventures.

Tom and Huck are determined to get away from the household and eventually they plan a trip down the Mississippi River. However, they are caught by Aunt Polly, who is not pleased with their plans. Tom is punished and forced to make amends.

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Tom comes home at supper and tells his aunt about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly decides to have a talk with Tom about his skipping school that afternoon and how it's not a good idea to skip school. She lecturing and shows him that his corkie is still a ways from being dry. Tom's half-brother, Sid, has been tricked and Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom has sworn the boy to keep this a secret. Tom goes out of the house into the night to have some fun before breakfast. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom sees the bird and shears him that his corkie is still a ways from being dry. Tom and the new arrival on the hill have been friends for some time and eventually choses the newcomer as the way home.

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William Tyndale (1494-1536) was the first person to translate the Bible into English from its original Greek and Hebrew and the first to print the Bible in English, which he did in exile. Giving the laity access to the word of God outraged the clerical establishment in England: he was condemned, hunted, and eventually murdered.