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**THE ADVENTURES OF  
HUCKLEBERRY FINN**

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Huckleberry Finn

## CHAPTER 1

### Huck's New Life

You might have heard of me if you read *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. My name is Huckleberry Finn. I have always lived in this same little town of St. Petersburg, Missouri. My father is the town drunk and isn't around much. So I've spent most of my life fishing on the banks of the Mississippi, sleeping in doorways, and having great adventures with my friend Tom Sawyer.

Things were always pretty dull around here until Tom and I discovered hidden

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treasure. We found twelve thousand dollars *in gold!* It was money that had been buried by robbers, so Judge Thatcher decided it was rightfully ours. Tom and I got six thousand dollars apiece.

The Judge put the money in the bank for us, and we each got an allowance of a dollar a day. For us, in that little town, it was more money than we knew what to do with. But the money didn't make me happy.

At about this time, the Widow Douglas decided to take me in and raise me as her own son. She was kinda grateful, I guess, 'cause I helped save her life. But it was rough living in a house all the time. The Widow made me wash and dress up and eat all my meals at regular hours. She even took me to church. When I couldn't stand it any more, I ran away and got into my old rags. Then I felt free and happy. But Tom Sawyer hunted me up and said he was going to start a club. And



The Widow Takes Huck to Church.