

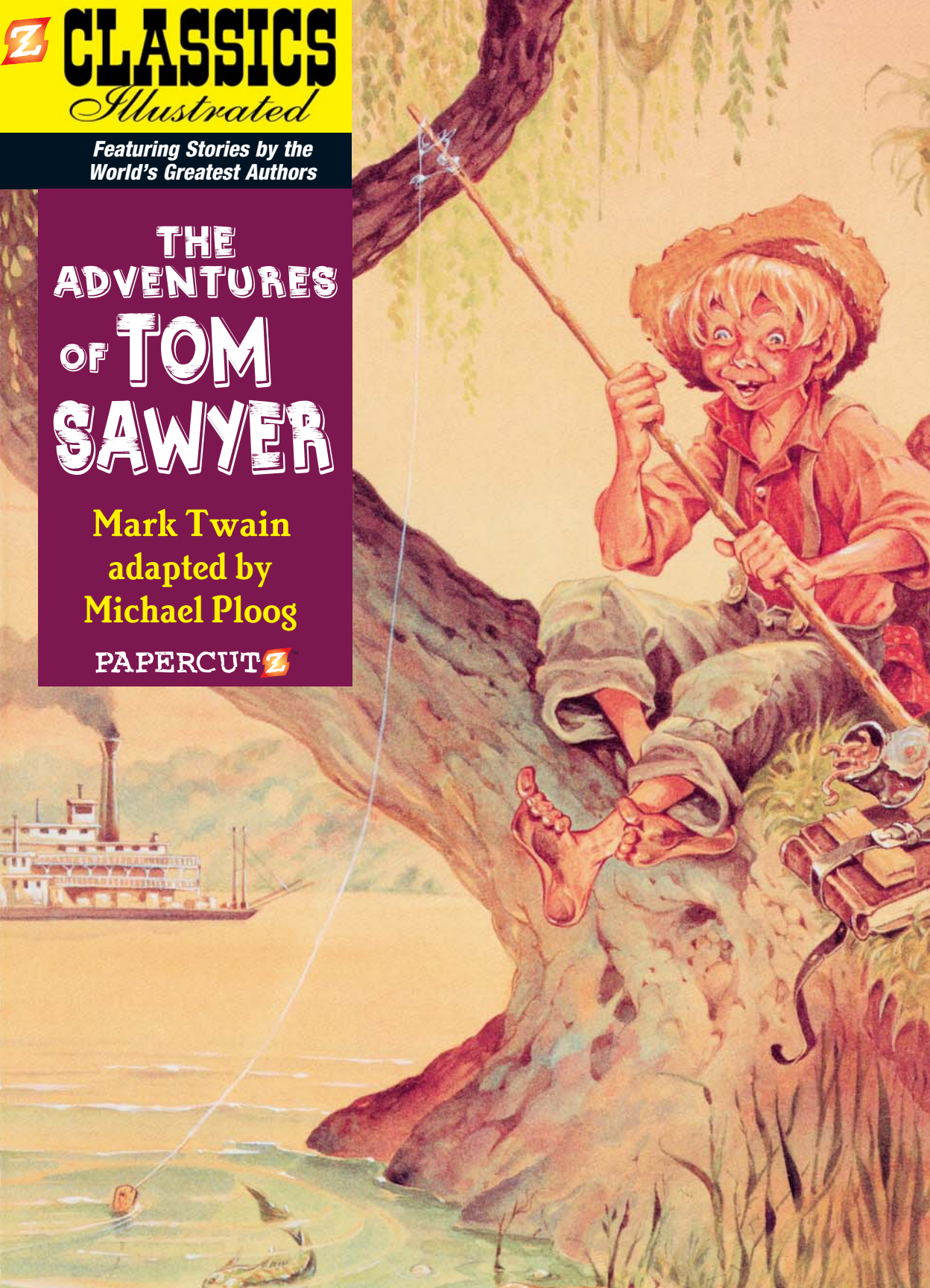
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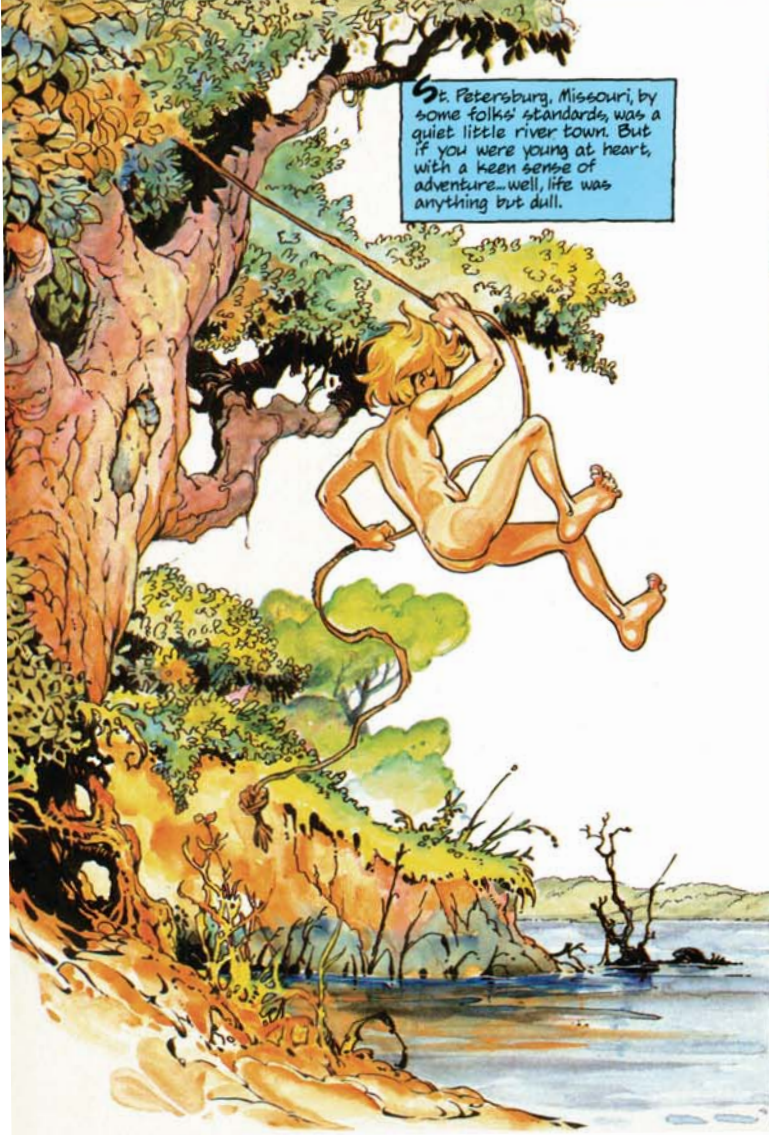
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**THE
ADVENTURES
OF TOM
SAWYER**

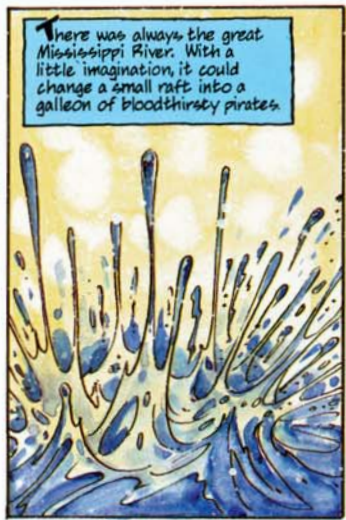
Mark Twain
adapted by
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St. Petersburg, Missouri, by some folks' standards, was a quiet little river town. But if you were young at heart, with a keen sense of adventure...well, life was anything but dull.



There was always the great Mississippi River. With a little imagination, it could change a small raft into a galleon of bloodthirsty pirates.



In a place like this, a fellow was only limited by his imagination.



IFN I'D SEEN TOM SAUKER A-SWIMMIN' IN THE RIVER...



I'D TELL HIM HE'D BEST GIT HOME CUZ HIS AUNT POLLY IS A-SHOUTIN' FOR 'IM.



BUT SEEN' I AIN'T SEEN 'IM, I RECKON I'LL JUS' CATCH ME THAT BIG OL' CATFISH UNDER THAT 'ONDER TREE.

TOM! TOM SAWYER! WELL IF I GET HOLD OF YOU... I'LL...



When Tom's folks died, he and his half-brother, Sid, came to live with Aunt Polly.



TOM! HE KNOWS JUST HOW LONG HE CAN TORTURE ME BEFORE I GET MY DANDER UP!



LORDY, I AIN'T DOIN' MY DUTY BY THAT BOY. SPARE THE ROD AND SPOIL THE CHILD.



It was a virtuous effort trying to raise Tom according to the Good Book.



EVERYTIME I LET HIM OFF, MY CONSCIENCE HURTS ME SO. AN' WHEN I WHIP HIM, MY OL' HEART BREAKS.



IF HE PLAYED HOOKY TODAY, I'LL BE OBLIGED TO PUNISH HIM. I'VE GOT TO DO MY DUTY.



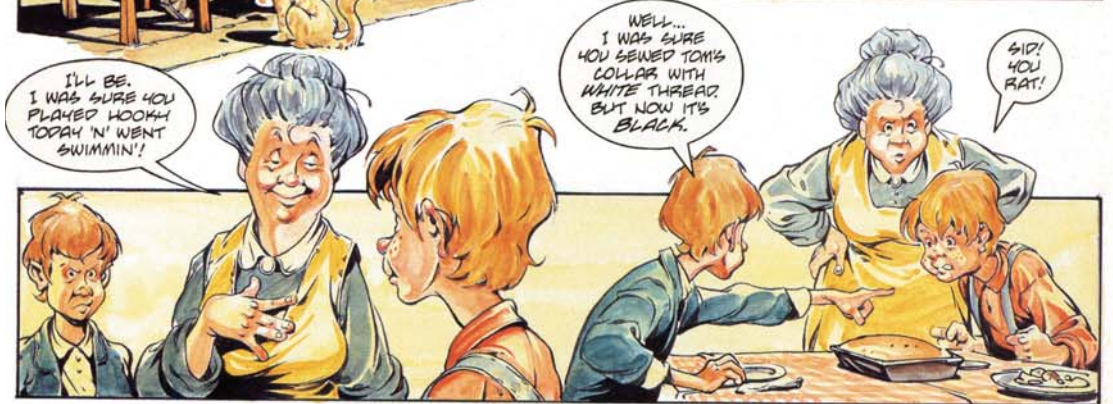
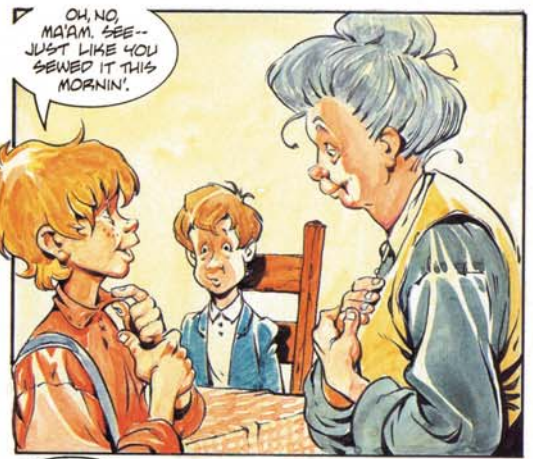
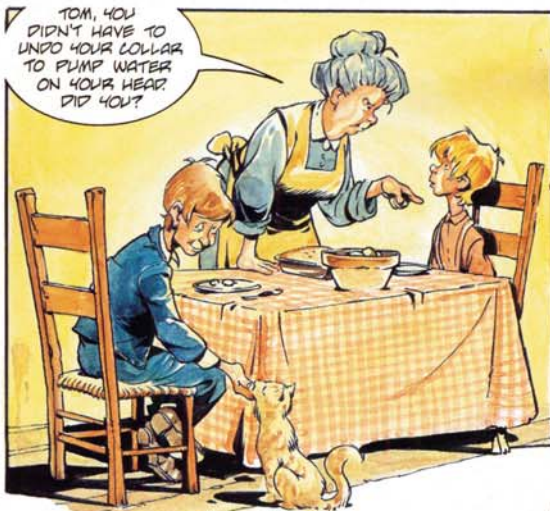
A man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble, so the scripture says, and in Tom Sawyer's case, it was so.



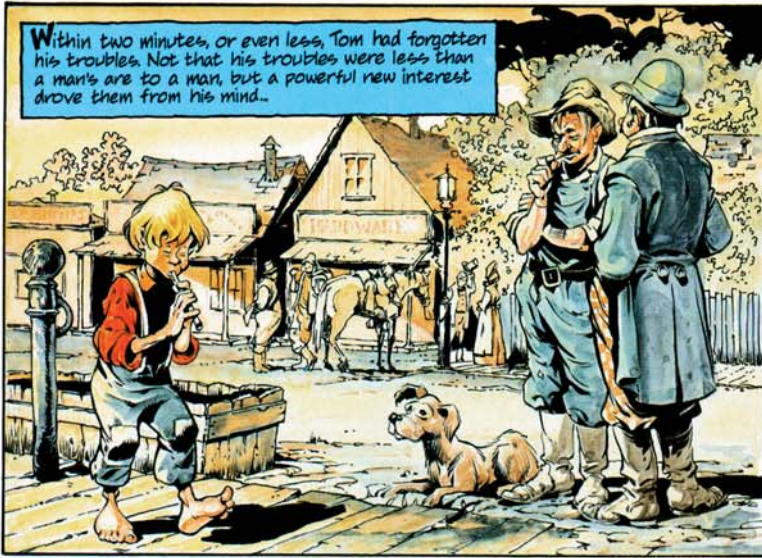
SURE 'NUFF, HE'LL WORK THIS SATURDAY. AND HE HATES WORK MORE THAN HE HATES ANYTHING ELSE.







Within two minutes, or even less, Tom had forgotten his troubles. Not that his troubles were less than a man's are to a man, but a powerful new interest drove them from his mind...



A new kid in town.

