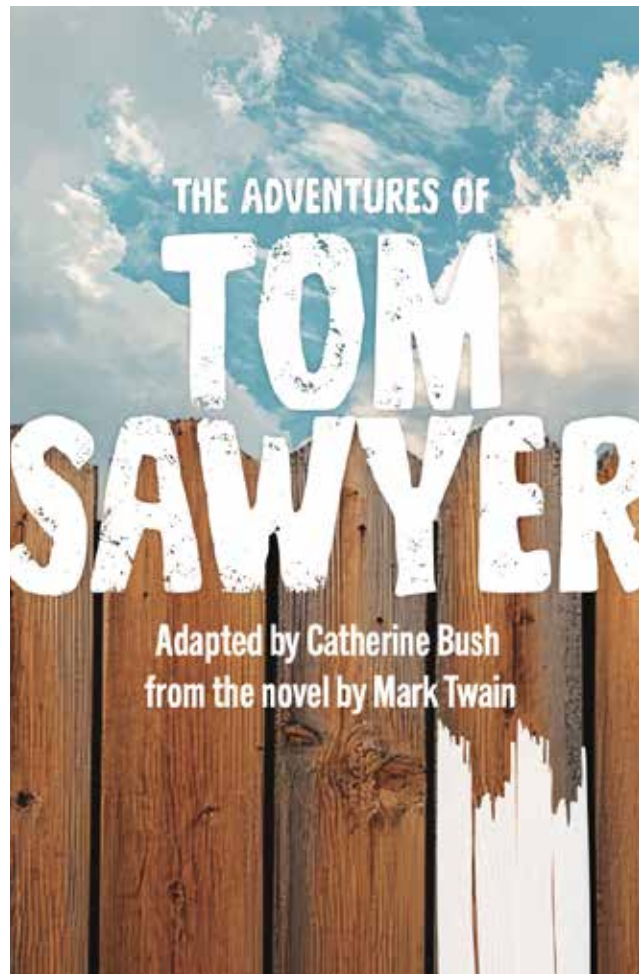


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Social Narrative for

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Adapted from Mark Twain

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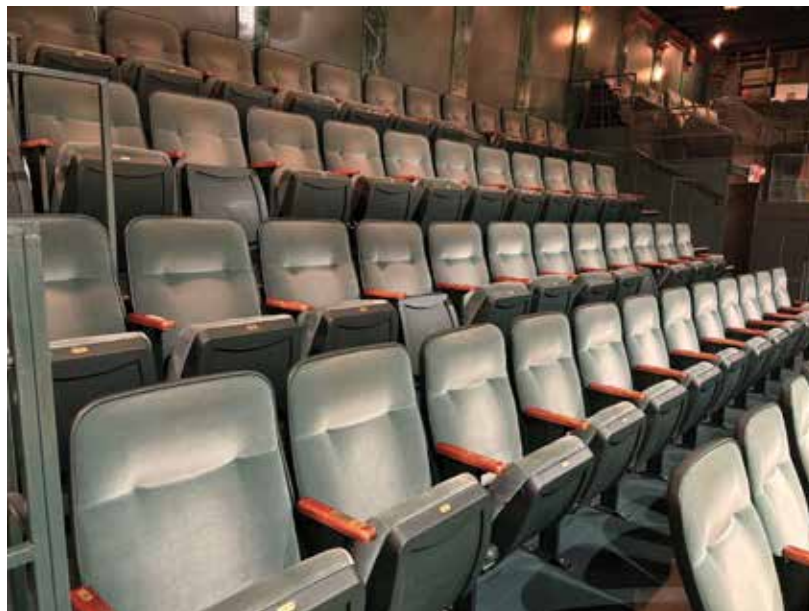
I'm going to see a play called *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* at Barter's Smith Theatre!
This play will tell the story about a boy named Tom Sawyer, and the different adventures he and his friends go on.



Seeing a play is like seeing a movie. The play will be performed by people right in front of me on stage. They are called actors, and the people they are playing are called characters.



Once arriving at the theatre, I will go into the lobby where I will get my tickets. If I am early, I can wait in the lobby or lounge. Other people will also be waiting for the show to begin.



Next, I'll enter the theatre and choose a seat for the show. I'll sit in a seat and wait for the show to start. Other people will be doing the same thing. We will all wait together for the performance to begin.



Just before the performance begins, some of the actors will come out to talk about things we use in the play that help us tell the story, like props, costumes, lights, and sound.



If at any point during the show I have a question or want to leave, I will ask for help quietly. There will be ushers who can help me, too. An usher is someone in a white shirt who works at the theatre.



If anything ever gets too loud I can put on my ear protection or cover my ears with my hands.



I'll know the performance is about to begin when the lights dim around me and someone on stage makes an announcement. After the announcement, the lights will change again and I'll know the play is about to start.



First, I'll see Tom Sawyer run on stage. Tom Sawyer is a young boy who likes to have fun and go on adventures, especially ones to find buried treasure. His Aunt Polly thinks he's always getting into trouble and punishes him by making him paint the fence outside their house.



Tom likes to get his friends involved in his adventures. Some of Tom's friends we meet include: Huckleberry Finn, Joe Harper, Timmy Harper, and Billy Fisher.



Tom Sawyer also gets to go to school. On his way to school, he sees Becky Thatcher, a new girl in town. Tom thinks she's very pretty.



Tom and Huckleberry Finn go on an adventure to a graveyard to look for buried treasure. The lights will get a little darker, but I will always be safe.



In the graveyard, Tom and Huckleberry witness a fight between Doc. Robinson, One-Eyed Joe, and Muff Potter. The fight may look scary, but even though it looks real, it's actually just pretend and no one gets hurt.



Doc Robinson, One-Eyed Joe, and Muff Potter are all adults in the town Tom lives in. In the fight, One-Eyed Joe kills Dr. Robinson and then blames it on Muff. Tom and Huck swear not to say anything.



After Tom and Huckleberry witness this fight, they decide to run away and become pirates. Their friend Joe Harper joins them. There will be a fun pirate fight. The pirate fight might get a little too loud for me, but it won't last for very long and I can always cover my ears with my hands or my ear protection.



When Tom and Huck return to town, Muff Potter goes on trial. Tom tells the truth in court and saves Muff. In gratitude, Muff gives them a clue to find One-Eyed Joe's buried treasure.



The adventures continue, and I'll see Tom and his friends go exploring in a cave! The lights in the cave will get a little bit darker, but just like before, I'll be safe.



In the cave, Tom sees One-Eyed Joe, one of the adults from the graveyard. There will be another fight in the cave between One-Eyed Joe, Tom Sawyer, and Becky Thatcher. One-Eyed Joe falls off a cliff and dies at the end of the fight. Again, the fight may look scary, but even though it looks real, it's actually just pretend and no one gets hurt.



Tom and Huck return to the cave and find One-Eyed Joe's buried treasure! They vow to continue going on adventures together.

CHARACTERS in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

Here are the names and photos of the characters you'll see in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*!

TOM



HUCK



JOE HARPER



AUNT POLLY



WIDOW DOUGLAS



BECKY THATCHER



ONE-EYED JOE



MUFF POTTER



DR. ROBINSON



MRS. HARPER



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