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The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn is one of the most famous novels in American literature.

It was published in 1884 and is written in a simple, realistic style that shows the life, speech, and problems of ordinary people living near the Mississippi River before the American Civil War.

The story is told in first person by a young boy named Huckleberry (Huck) Finn, which makes the narrative feel real and personal.

Detailed Story Summary

1. Huck's difficult life

Huck is a poor boy who lives with the Widow Douglas and Miss Watson.

They try to "civilize" him by teaching manners, religion, and school rules, but Huck feels trapped and uncomfortable.

His cruel and alcoholic father, Pap, suddenly returns and kidnaps Huck, keeping him locked in a small cabin and beating him.

To escape, Huck fakes his own death and secretly runs away.

2. Meeting Jim and beginning the journey

While hiding on Jackson's Island, Huck meets Jim, Miss Watson's enslaved man who has run away because he fears being sold and separated from his family.

At first, Huck is confused because society teaches him that helping Jim is wrong.

But as they begin traveling together on a raft down the Mississippi River, a deep friendship grows between them.

The river becomes a symbol of freedom, safety, and escape from society's cruelty.

3. Adventures and dangers on the river

During their journey, Huck and Jim face many adventures:

They find a floating house with a dead man inside (later revealed to be Huck's father).

They become separated in fog but reunite emotionally.

They meet two cheaters, the “Duke” and the “King,” who lie, steal money, and exploit innocent people.

Huck sees the greed and cruelty of society, especially in the Wilks family episode, where he bravely tells the truth to stop a fraud.

Through these events, Huck slowly develops a moral sense based on kindness rather than social rules.

#### 4. Huck’s moral decision

The most important moment comes when Huck thinks about turning Jim in as a runaway enslaved person.

Society says he should do it.

But Huck remembers Jim’s love, loyalty, and humanity.

Finally, Huck makes a powerful decision:

He will help Jim even if it means going to hell.

This shows Huck’s moral growth—he chooses human friendship over unjust social laws.

#### 5. Ending of the story

Jim is captured and imprisoned on a farm.

Huck’s friend Tom Sawyer arrives and creates a long, playful but unnecessary rescue plan.

After many comic adventures, Jim is freed.

It is revealed that Miss Watson had already set Jim free in her will, and Jim also protected Huck earlier.

In the end, Huck refuses to return to “civilized” society and plans to go west in search of freedom, keeping his independent spirit alive.