Women Psychotherapists Reflections On Female Friendships
Sisters Of The Heart
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Tom comes home at suppertime. He has been skipping school that afternoon and is now reprimanded. While she lecturing him, Tom's half-brother Joe Harper enters. Joe claims to have heard that his father is still alive but has not yet arrived. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom goes out of the house in a sulk. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom is still the same boy, "wandering and extravagant.

Tom and the new arrival eat supper in silence. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom awaits the news of his father, "the news is still coming." Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom leaves to go home.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirtied clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whiten the fence. Joe passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a "pitch-a-ally," a kind of scalpel. Joe almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.
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Tom comes home at supper-time. He is all out of breath, with a faint yellowish gleam in his eye, and a fluttering in his heart. He was late at school, as usual, and had been kept in after-school and even in the classroom the next day. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom goes out of the house to wash his hands in the rain at the corner. As he walks down the street, he smells the scent of the wet earth and hears the sound of the rain on the leaves.

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