Altmetrics A Practical Guide For Librarians Researchers And Academics
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Tom comes home at supper, all wet, and experiments for Aunt Polly. When she tells him he must be skipped school that afternoon and eat his dinner by himself, Tom decides to make the best of it. Tom goes out of the house into the street, and after they get into town, Tom sees Aunt Polly is satisfied.

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