

Tom Sawyer

(aka: "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer")

US TV : 1973 : dir. James Neilson :

: 78 min

prod: : scr: Jean Holloway : dir.ph.:

[Josh Albee](#); [Jeff Tyler](#)

Buddy Ebsen; Jane Wyatt; Vic Morrow; John McGiver; Karen Pearson; Chris Wiggins

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Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 1996 review:

"Tom and Huck exude their ever-lovin' charm in this acceptable retelling of their now-familiar tale, with Morrow a particularly nasty Injun Joe in one of the best of his evil turns. This version premiered several weeks before the musicalised theatrical one. Video title: "THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER". Average "

Speelfilm Encyclopedie review - identical to above

Halliwel's Television Companion note:

"Adventures of a trouble-prone small boy in a town on the banks of the Mississippi. A plain, even homely, version of the famous tale by Mark Twain. Writer: Jean Holloway."

Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89 review:

"Twain without the tartness, remade for TV; a classic story shines through nonetheless. ** "

Video Movie Guide 1993 review:

"Mark Twain's classic story loses its satirical edge in this homogenised made-for-television production about the adventures of Tom Sawyer (Josh Albee) and Huckleberry Finn (Jeff Tyler). The kids may enjoy it, but adults will want to reread the book. Better yet, read the book to your kids. [good idea] Rated "G" **"

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

TV Times (?) note:

"Adaptation of the classic Mark Twain tale. Stars Josh Albee, Jeff Tyler and Buddy Ebsen."

Josh Albee, in the title role here, previously had a significant, though silent, part in the Robert Redford frontiersman saga "**JEREMIAH JOHNSON**" (72) as a boy struck dumb during an indian attack and reluctantly adopted by Redford. He was in the time travel black comedy "**SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE**" (72) and later starred in "**THE RUNAWAYS**" (75, for TV). Nothing else is known of Jeff Tyler. See subject index under **BOY MEETS GIRL**, **EYEWITNESSES TO MURDER**, **HISTORY**, **KIDS OUTWIT THE CROOKS**, **ORPHANS**, **RASCALS & SCALAWAGS**, **RUNAWAYS / STOWAWAYS**, **SCHOOL** and **MARK TWAIN**.