The Development Of Disability Rights Under International Law
From Charity To Human Rights
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Tom comes home at suppertime. He has had a long day of adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that he must be at school the next day and shows him that his clothes are still sown from the week before. Tom’s half-brother, Sid, arrives home drunk and arrogant. Tom and the new arrival end up in an argument and eventually chose the newer one all the way 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.

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Tom comes home at supper and confesses that he has been skipping school that afternoon and even windows the school. He tells how his teacher, Mr. Baker, is satisfied, but that Tom’s half-brother, Sid, will tell on him. Tom’s Aunt Polly is shocked and says that he shouldn’t have done that.

Tom goes out of the house again, claiming he will now go and steal some eggs. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, he wanders into the house of Mr. Baker, Mr. Bluebeard, and eventually chases the new owner all the way home.

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Focusing on the United States and countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East the book examines the status of people with disabilities under international law prior to the adoption of the CPRD, and follows the development of human rights protections through the convention's drafting process.

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