

1: [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com):Customer reviews: The Fifth Form At St. Dominic's

*The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's (published ) is the best known of the school stories by the late nineteenth century author Talbot Baines www.enganchecubano.com stories as well as the book were written for the Boy's Own Paper and published by the Religious Tract Society, with illustrations by Gordon Browne.*

He was not one of those exuberant, irrepressible boys who take their class-fellows by storm, and rise to the top of the tree almost as soon as they touch the bottom. Stephen, as the reader knows, was not a very clever boy, or a very dashing boy, and yet he somehow managed to get his footing among his comrades in the Fourth Junior, and particularly among his fellow guinea-pigs. He had fought Master Bramble six times in three days during his second week, and was engaged to fight him again every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday during the term. He had also taken the chair at one indignation meeting against the monitors, and spoken in favour of a resolution at another. He had distributed brandy-balls in a most handsome manner to his particular adherents, and he had been the means of carrying away no less than two blankets from the next dormitory. This was pretty good for a fortnight. Rastle, and it will easily be understood that he soon gained favour among his fellows. This last cause of celebrity, however, was one which did not please Stephen. The first evening or two he had worked very diligently at preparation. He had taken pains with his fractions, and looked out every word in his Caesar. Other boys went up and down. Some openly boasted that they had had their lessons done for them, and others that they had not done them at all. A merry time they had of it; but Stephen, down at the bottom, was in dismal dumps. He could not get up, and he could not get down, and all his honest hard work went for nothing. And so, not content to give that system a longer trial, he grew more lax in his work. He did not get up, and he could not get down. Oliver catechised him now and then as to his progress, and received vague answers in reply, and Loman never remembered a fag that pestered him less with lessons. Stephen was, in fact, settling down into the slough of idleness, and would have become an accomplished dunce in time, had not Mr. Rastle come to the rescue. That gentleman caught the new boy in an idle mood, wandering aimlessly down the passage one afternoon. Nothing to do, eh? Come and have tea with me, will you, in my room? The boy launched out into a full account of the old house and his mother, till the tears very nearly stood in his eyes and the muffins very nearly stuck in his throat. Rastle listened to it all with a sympathetic smile, throwing in questions now and then which it charmed the boy to answer. And how do you think you are getting on in class? If any one knew how he was getting on in class Mr. Rastle did, and, alas! Rastle must know well enough that Stephen was getting on badly. Are the lessons too hard for you? He had expected a regular row on the head of his confession, and here was his master cracking jokes about the affair! Much better do it yourself. But if you take my advice you will try and do the next exercise by yourself. Try, and if you have difficulties, as you are sure to have, come to me. School will not be without its temptations, and you will find it hard always to do your duty. Yet you have, I hope, learnt the power of prayer; and surely the Saviour is able not only to forgive us our sins, but also to keep us from falling. Have another cup of tea? He still blundered and boggled over his lessons, and still kept pretty near to the bottom form in his class, but he felt that his master had an interest in him, and that acted like magic to his soul. He now and then, though hesitatingly, availed himself of Mr. Rastle's help. And so things looked up with Stephen. He wrote jubilant letters home; he experienced all the joys of an easy conscience, and he felt that he had a friend at court. The politics of the lower school were rather intricate. The Guinea-pigs were not exactly the enemies of the Tadpoles, but the rivals. They were always jangling among themselves, it was true; and when Stephen, for the second time in one week, had hit Bramble in the eye, there was such jubilation among the Guinea-pigs that any one might have supposed the two clans were at daggers drawn. But it was not so—at least, not always—for though they fell out among themselves, they united their forces against the common enemy—the monitors! Monitors, in the opinion of these young republicans, were an invention of the Evil One, invented for the sole purpose of interfering with them. But for the monitors they could carry out their long-cherished scheme of a pitched battle on the big staircase, for asserting their right to go down the left side, when they chose, and up on the right. As it was, the monitors insisted that they should go up on the left and come down on the right. It was intolerable tyranny!

What right had the monitors to forbid the performance and confiscate the combs? Was it to be endured? And but for the monitors, once more, they might perfect themselves in the art of pea-shooting. Was such a thing ever heard of, as that fellows should be compelled to shoot peas at the wall in the privacy of their own studies, instead of at one another in the passages? It was a shameâ€”it was a scandalâ€”it was a crime! On burning questions such as these, Guinea-pigs and Tadpoles sunk all petty differences, and thought and felt as one man; and not the least ardent among them was Stephen. Why, what do you think? Young Bellerby has been doctored for tying a string across the passage! Come on to the meeting; quick! The party rushed pellmell into the Fourth Junior class-room, where were already assembled a score or more youths, shouting, and stamping, and howling like madmen. At the sight of Bramble, the acknowledged leader of all malcontents, they quieted down for a moment to hear what he had to say. At this the clamour, swelled twofold by the new additions, rose louder than ever. It was a go! At that moment the door opened, and Wren appeared. The effect was magical; every one became suddenly quiet, and looked another way. After that the indignation meeting was kept up in whispers. Now and then the feelings of the assembly broke out into words, but the noise was instantly checked. This time it was Callonby. The meeting in the Fourth class-room lasted most of the afternoon; but as oratory in whispers is tedious, and constant repetition of the same sentiments, however patriotic, is monotonous, it nagged considerably in spirit towards the end, and degenerated into one of the usual wrangles between Guinea-pigs and Tadpoles, in the midst of which Master Bramble left the chair, and went off in the meekest manner possible to get Wren to help him with his sums for next day. Stephen meanwhile was engaged in doing a little piece of business for Loman, of which more must be said in a following chapter.

### 2: Full text of "The Fifth Form at Saint Dominic's"

*Among his best-known work is The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's. He was a regular and prolific contributor to The Boy's Own Paper (B.O.P.), in which most of his fiction first appeared. Through his family's business Talbot Baines Reed (3 April - 28 November) was an English writer of boys' fiction who established a genre of school.*

These stories were set in boarding schools for boys schools for girls had their own equivalent subgenre and authors, often treating similar themes to their male counterparts. This genre would flourish until after WWII, when it declined due to the changes in the schooling system which made these stories seem outdated and the increasing competition from TV and radio entertainment. For non-British readers, public schools are private, exclusive boarding schools, called "public" because they were open to any pupils whose parents could pay the fees. Wodehouse, who before becoming one of the most widely read humorists of the 20th century also started as a writer of public school stories, called Talbot Baines Reed "the most successful of schoolboy writers, in that he wrote a great many stories, and all of them good, some infinitely better than others but none weak. He also wrote for boys, but he was not a moralizer like Hughes, at least not in such an explicit way. His stories, even though the setting is so old-fashioned for modern readers, nevertheless are easy and pleasant to read and very entertaining. He told well-plotted stories and his characters were not one-dimensional. His heroes were not perfect and his villains had some redeeming qualities. In this novel, for example, Edward Loman is one of the two main villains, but despicable as he gets throughout the story, he is not evil. British Public schools were quite remarkable institutions. They wanted to form leaders Britain was a great empire at the time and thus gave senior boys a surprising amount of freedom and authority over their juniors. Some senior boys the prefects or monitors are in charge of keeping order and they are expected to exercise their power in an honorable manner. Masters only intervene if things get out of hand. These schools were capable of inspiring very strong loyalty in many of their pupils, and for others, less suited to their "muscular Christianity" brand of education, they were a miserable experience. We only see the good side of them in these idealized stories. They are tales of schoolboy honor, loyalty and friendship, and can also get dramatic in the problems the young heroes go through in these closed societies. The story starts with the arrival at school of Stephen Greenfield, eleven years old and younger brother of Oliver Greenfield. We share his puzzlement and insecurities as he tries to fit in in the well-regimented society of the school as a new boy. As a form of good-natured hazing by senior boys he is made to think that he has to write a paper and present it to the headmaster, answering a list of impossible questions that, young Stephen fears, will expose his ignorance and unsuitability to be in the school. He also has to find his place among the two informal clubs or fraternities that divide the younger boys: The two groups draw lots for you, and thus young Stephen joins the proud institution of Guinea-Pigdom. The younger boys the Junior Fourth Form are a lot of fun. High-spirited, foolish, boisterous and eager to sign up for any riot, Tadpoles and Guinea-Pigs are fierce rivals but are always ready to join forces against a common enemy at any injustice, real or perceived, from senior boys. We follow their adventures and the story of the rivalry between the Fifth Form and the Sixth Form. There are cricket and rugby matches, both intra-school and against outside rivals, given disproportionate importance by the boys. There is also the satirical paper that the Fifth-Form boys produce, very wittily ridiculing the Sixth Form and also the Tadpoles and Guinea-Pigs. The situation gets more dramatic when Loman gets in debt with a disreputable character in town, and when Oliver Greenfield is suspected of stealing an exam paper that gets him a scholarship. The circumstances are damning, Greenfield refuses to give explanations and he is sent to Coventry meaning that all the boys in the boarding school refuse to speak to him or acknowledge his existence. Even his friend Wraysford, who incidentally was the one who came in second place for the scholarship, believes he is guilty. Only his younger brother believes in his innocence: One boy, of course, stuck to the exile through thick and thin. He, at least, never once admitted that his brother was guilty. He rushed to his brother. He began with Wraysford. Stephen stared at him a moment. Then his face grew pale as he grasped the meaning of it all. But this did not suit Stephen, his blood was up, and he meant to have it out. I could kill you! Wraysford was not angry. There was more of pity in his face than anger as he took the small boy by the arm and led him to the door. Stephen no longer resisted. After

giving vent to the first flood of his anger, misery got the upper hand of him, and he longed to go anywhere to hide it. He could have endured to know that Oliver was suspected by a good many of the fellows, but to find Wraysford among them was a cruel blow. If this is not too melodramatic for you and you liked the boarding school aspects of Harry Potter you may enjoy this tale. The story arc of the novel is complete and ultimately satisfactory. These British boarding school novels are mostly forgotten now, but the genre conventions created by Thomas Hughes and Frederic William Farrar, and polished and developed by Talbot Baines Reed, as well as by later writers like Anthony Buckeridge, Charles Hamilton a. Brent-Dyer, Enid Blyton and others, form the tradition that J. Rowling drew upon to create Hogwarts.

### 3: The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's () - IMDb

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We start off with the entry to the school of a little new boy, not quite eleven years old, who also happens to have an older brother in the school. We learn about the school at the same time as little Steevie does. Steevie is appointed to be the fag of one Loman, and as the story unfolds we begin to see life through the eyes of the older boy. There is an interesting moment when Steevie refuses to do the work of fag to Loman, and is soundly beaten up for his refusal. There is a rather unsuitable public-house owner, Cripps, and Loman becomes indebted to him for a large sum of money. What Loman does to try to liquidate his debt is what much of the latter part of the book is about. We do not wish to spoil the story for you, so we will not go into any details of this. There is a rather nice episode during the summer holidays when some of the boys row down the river Thames from Oxford to London, which your reviewer has also done more than once. Many of the landmarks that they saw are still there. You will enjoy reading or listening to this book. They include The Fifth Form at St. We also provide a plain TEXT version and full instructions for using this to make your own audiobook. These transcriptions of books by various nineteenth century authors of instructive books for teenagers, were made during the period to the present day by Athelstane e-Books. Most of the books are concerned with the sea, but in any case all will give a good idea of life in the nineteenth century, and sometimes earlier than that. This of course includes attitudes prevalent at the time, but frowned upon nowadays. We then made a pdf which we used to assist with editing the OCR'd text. The last step enables us to hear and correct most of the errors that may have been missed by the other steps, as well as entertaining us during the work of transcription. The resulting text can be read either here at the Internet Archive or at [www](http://www). In this version the entire book appears in the one file, which also includes the style-sheet and any pictures, and is written in xhtml. The smaller of the two TXT files contains full instructions for doing so.

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Loman, who was aware of this circumstance, and on whose spirit that restless top joint had continued to prey ever since the evening of the misadventure a week ago, determined to avail himself of the opportunity of returning the unlucky fishing-rod into the hands from which he had received it. He therefore instructed Stephen to take it up to the lock-house with a note to the effect that having changed his mind in the matter since speaking to Cripps, he found he should not require the rod, and therefore returned it, with many thanks for Mr. Stephen, little suspecting the questionable nature of his errand, undertook the commission and duly delivered both rod and letter into the hands of Mr. Cripps, who greatly astonished him by swearing very violently at the contents of the letter. Do you take me for a fool? Cripps should possess so short a temper. But the landlord of the Cockchafer soon recovered from his temporary annoyance, and even proceeded to apologise to Stephen for the warmth of his language. Cripps senior and his son were specially interested in no one knew, for neither of them was blessed with any. However, it was one of old Mr. Cripps, how much is that bat? You must be a funny cricketer, young gentleman, to call that bat only pretty well. I suppose you want me to take that back, too? Cripps looked very fierce. As if I wanted the money. Cripps was as hard up as he had just described himself, he should now be so anxious to represent himself as not in want of money. Please yourself about it. I shall not be disappointed if you gives me only eighteen-pence, and if you think twelve bob is handsome, well let it be. I can struggle on somehow. Cripps answered more precisely. I thought it would be about seven shillings! Though, to his knowledge, he had done nothing wrong, he felt terribly guilty at the bare notion of the Doctor being informed of his transactions with Mr. Cripps, besides greatly in awe of the vague threats held out by that gentleman. He made a clean breast of it to his brother that evening, who, of course, called him an ass, and everything else complimentary, and was deservedly angry. However, Stephen had reason to consider himself lucky to possess an elder brother at the school who had a little more shrewdness than himself. Oliver was determined the debt should be paid at once, without even waiting to write home, and by borrowing ten shillings from Wraysford, and adding to it the residue of his own pocket-money, the sovereign was raised and dispatched that very night to Mr. Cripps; after which Oliver commanded his brother to sit down and write a full confession of his folly home, and ask for the money, promising never to make such a fool of himself again. This task the small boy, with much shame and trembling at heart, accomplished; and in due time an answer came from his mother which not only relieved his mind but paid off his debts to Oliver and Wraysford, and once for all closed the business of the treble-cane splice bat. It would have been well for Loman if he could have got out of his difficulties as easily and as satisfactorily. Ever since he had gathered from Stephen Mr. He therefore, after long hesitation and misgiving, determined himself to call at the Cockchafer, and try in some way to settle matters. One thing reassured him. If Cripps had discovered the crack or the fracture in the rod, he would have heard of it long before now; and if he had not, then the longer the time the less chance was there of the damage being laid at his door. So he let three weeks elapse, and then went to Maltby. Loman, therefore, a monitor and a Sixth Form boy, had to take more than ordinary precautions to reach the Cockchafer unobserved, which he succeeded in doing, and to his satisfaction as well as to his trepidation found Mr. Cripps the younger at home. It sounded very much as if Mr. Cripps had been looking forward to this visit. Cripps, looking very gloomy, and drawing a glass of beer for the young gentleman before he ordered it. Loman did not like it at all. Cripps said nothing, but began polishing up a pewter pot with a napkin. He had suddenly made up his mind to tell one lie, but here they were following one after another, as if he had told nothing but lies all his life! Alas, there was no drawing back either! Glass of the usual, please, Cripps. I say, Loman, was that the fishing-rod you were switching about out of your window that afternoon three weeks ago? You nearly had my eye out with that hook. I say, what a smash you gave it when it caught in the ivy. Was it broken right off, or only cracked, eh? Cripps nor Loman spoke a word. The latter saw that concealment was no longer possible; and bitterly he rued the day when first he heard the name

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of Cripps. That worthy, seeing the game to have come beautifully into his own hands, was not slow to take advantage of it. I need not repeat the painful conversation that ensued between the sharper and the wretched boy. It was no use for the latter to deny or explain. He was at the mercy of the man, and poor mercy it was. Cripps, with many oaths and threats, explained to Loman that he could, if he chose, have him up before a magistrate for fraud, and that he would do so for a very little. The boy, driven to desperation between terror and shame, implored mercy, and protested with tears in his eyes that he would do anything, if only Cripps did not expose him. Oh, Cripps, what shall I do? What do you say? Yet this seemed his only hope. Oh, how he repented listening to that first temptation to deceive! In due time Mr. Loman looked at the hand and then at Mr. There was the same ugly leer about the latter, into which a spark of anger was infused as the boy still held back from the proffered hand.

### 5: The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's by Talbot Baines Reed

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### 6: The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's (TV Series " ) - IMDb

*A school prefect's brother is blamed for stealing the examination papers taken by a senior in a publican's grip.*

### 7: The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's/Chapter XI - Wikisource, the free online library

*The afternoon of the famous "indignation meeting" in the Fourth Junior was the afternoon of the week which Mr. Cripps the younger, putting aside for a season the anxieties and responsibilities of his "public" duties in Maltby, usually devoted to the pursuit of the "gentle craft," at his.*

### 8: The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's - Wikipedia

*Preface. The Fifth Form at Saint Dominic's is a story of public-school life, and was written for the Boy's Own Paper, in the Fourth Volume of which it www.enganchecubano.com numbers containing it are now either entirely out of print or difficult to obtain; and many and urgent have been the requests"from boys themselves, as well as from parents, head masters, and others"for its re-issue as a book.*

### 9: www.enganchecubano.com:Customer reviews: The Fifth Form at Saint Dominic's A School Story

*The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's is a British silent drama film directed by A. E. Coleby. It is based on the novel The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's by Talbot Baines Reed. Contents.*

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