

**Study Guide:**

**Beyond the Western Sea Book I; Escape From Home**

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**Chapters One to Seven: Summary**

When the O'Connell's receive a letter from their father sending money for their passage to America what is happening to their home at the same time?

**Chapters Eight Through Twenty-Three:**

Why is Eleven-year-old Sir Laurence Kirkle is beaten severely by his brother, Albert, with their father's permission?

Laurence runs away, taking 1000 pounds from his father's desk. How does he lose the money?

Why does Lord Kirkle hire Mr. Pickler to find his son Sir Laurence and how does he feel about him running away?

Why does Albert hire Mr. Clemspool to make sure Laurence is not found?

Where does Mr. Clemspool find Laurence and what is his plan to keep him from being found by Mr. Pickler?

**Chapters Twenty-Four through Thirty-Four:**

After a difficult crossing, Maura and Patrick reach Liverpool. Who is Toggs, and what role does he play in helping them find lodging?

Who is Mr. Drabble and what role does he play in the lives of Maura and Patrick?

What does Laurence do once he discovers that he is a prisoner of Mr. Clemspool?

**Chapters Thirty-Five Through Fifty-Four:**

After Mr. Toggs enlists Laurence's aid to in robbing a ship, what does Toggs do when the police arrive?

How do Laurence and Patrick meet?

Who is the man that Laurence and Patrick meet on the docks and how does he help them?

What does Patrick promise Laurence?

The police, Mr. Pickle and Mr. Clemspool are all looking for Laurence. Explain the reasons each of them are looking for Laurence

**Chapters Fifty-Five Through Seventy-Four:**

What role does Fred play in helping Laurence?

What is Patrick's role in helping Laurence get to America? What are the dangers for Patrick in helping Laurence? What moral dilemma does Patrick have?