The challenge that Tom Smiley cannot refuse—even though it could end in his death!

THE MARKOFZAPIKROW

In the early 19th century, it was discovered that Tom Smiley was the son of a gypsy called Bucko and not the old schoolmaster's son. He was forced to leave his teaching post at Hyckam St Mary and joined the Bucko tribe. Because Tom bore the mark of Zaphrom—the sign of a great gypsy leader—he aroused the jealousy of the rascally Black Tovar and his tribe. Black Tovar was also suspected of killing Tom's gypsy father. Now, as Tom recovered from a knife battle—











