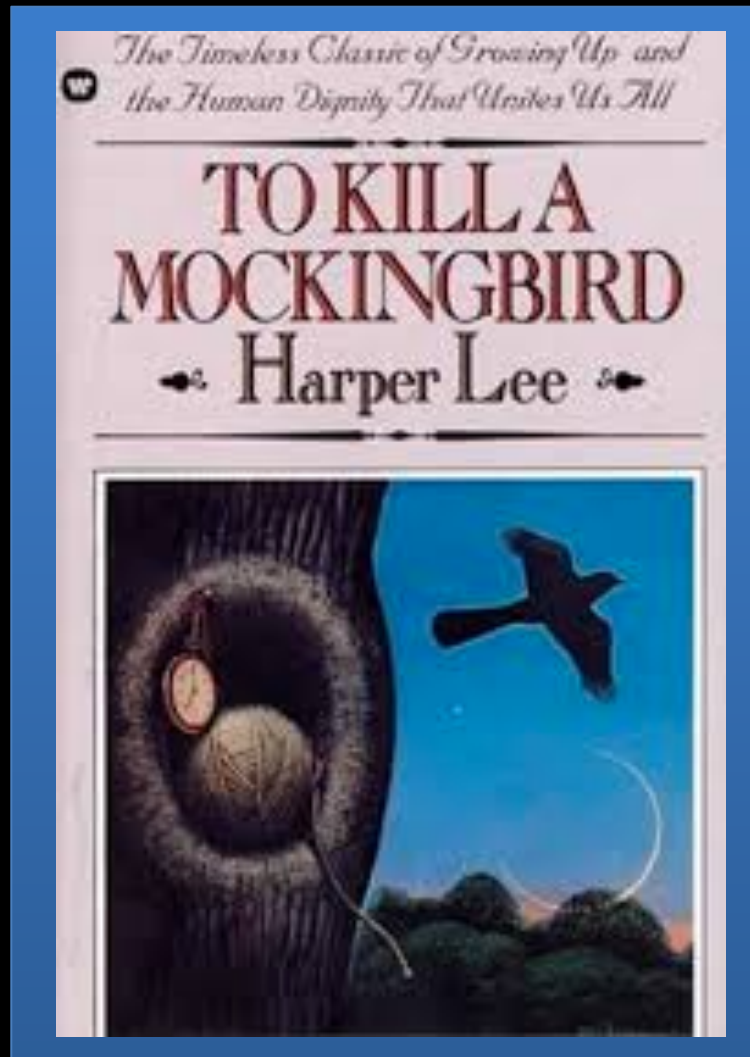


# To Kill A Mockingbird

Chapters 1 – 3



# Chapter 1

The story is set in a small town in Alabama named Maycomb. Jem and Scout lived there with their father, Atticus. Jem and Scout's mother died when Scout was very young. She doesn't remember her mother, but Jem does. Calpurnia, the family's cook, also lives in the house.

The story starts out when Jem was ten and Scout was six. One day, they meet a boy named Dill who is visiting for the summer. Dill was seven years old. Jem and Scout were happy to have someone to play with.

Every day, the three children played together. Sometimes they played in the treehouse. They liked to put on plays. There was another house near their home called "The Radley Place." It was very mysterious because they never saw the people who lived there.

Dill dared Jem to walk up and touch the house. Jem was scared, but he did it anyway. He ran up and touched the house, then they all three ran home fast. When they turned around and watched, they believed they noticed the curtains move.

# Chapter 2

At the end of the summer, Dill went back home, and Scout started school for the first time. Scout was excited because she used to watch all the school kids play, and now, she was going to be able to play with them too.

Scout's teacher, Miss Caroline, was new to the school and did not know the students well. Miss Caroline called Scout Jean Louise. Miss Caroline asked Scout to read for the class but got upset with Scout because Scout knew how to read so well.

At lunchtime, Miss Caroline tried to give money to a little boy named Walter. Walter's family was very poor, but he wouldn't take the money. Scout tried to explain to Miss Caroline why Walter wouldn't take the money, but Miss Caroline thought Scout was trying to be funny. She patted Scout on the hands with a ruler and made Scout stand in the corner.

Scout was having a bad day.

# Chapter 3

Scout started picking on Walter because of what happened in class, but Jem made her stop. Scout and Jem walk home for lunch every day, and Jem invited Walter to come and eat lunch with them.

When Walter asked for syrup and poured it all over his food, Scout teased him. Calpurnia made Scout sit in the kitchen for the rest of lunch. Calpurnia said it was important to be nice to visitors. After lunch, Scout told Atticus that he needed to fire Calpurnia, but Atticus said that Cal was an important part of the family.

Back at school, Miss Caroline screamed at Burris Ewell when she saw bugs in his hair. The Ewell kids only came to school on the first day each year, and Burris started being mean to Miss Caroline and made her cry.

That evening, Atticus asked Scout if she was ready to read with him. Scout said her teacher told her to stop reading at home because Atticus was teaching her wrong. Atticus tells Scout that she needs to try to understand other people better, and to do that, she needed to look at things from their point of view. Scout didn't want to go back to school, but Atticus made a deal with her. He said if she goes back to school, he will read with her every night. It would be their secret. Scout agreed and was happy.