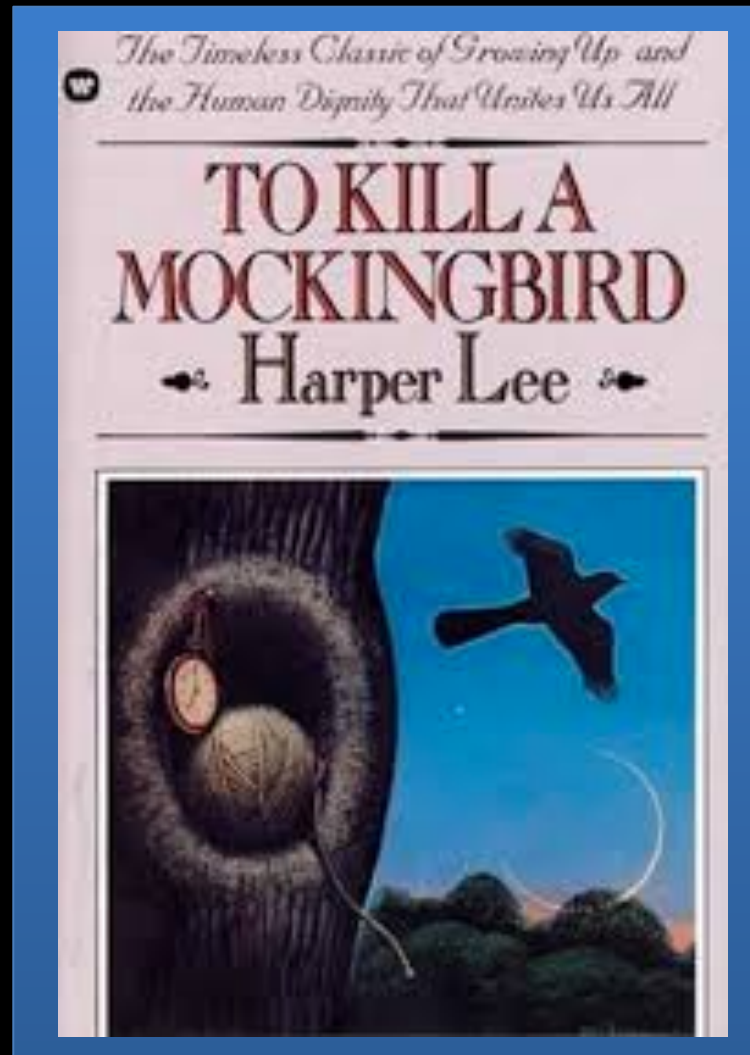


To Kill A Mockingbird

Chapters 13 - 15



Chapter 13

Scout and Jem were surprised to Aunt Alexandra, but she explained that she and Atticus thought it would be good for her to stay with them during the summer. Scout figured it was really Aunt Alexandra who made the decision.

Aunt Alexandra met everyone in Maycomb and had women over to talk and gossip. Aunt Alexandra wanted Scout to start acting like a lady. She told Atticus to have a talk to Jem and Scout about how important their family was to the town. She hoped that would help them understand that they needed to behave like a lady and a gentleman.

Scout started to cry and said that this wasn't her father, that her Aunt had made him say these things. She worried that all this behaving would change them and asked if this was really what she wanted them to do.

Atticus told them to forget all about it.

Chapter 14

Scout told Atticus that Cal had said she could go to her house to visit. Aunt Alexandra said “no”! Scout got mad, and Atticus made her apologize. Atticus told Scout that as long as Aunt Alexandra was living with them that Scout had to mind her.

Aunt Alexandra wanted Atticus to fire Cal, but Atticus said Cal was part of the family.

Jem told Scout to stop annoying Aunt Alexandra because Atticus needed to concentrate on his case. He and Scout got into a fight.

That night, Scout thought there was a snake under her bed, but it turned out to be Dill. He had run away from his home because his parents weren't interested in him. Atticus allowed him to stay but let his aunt know where Dill was.

Later, Dill told Scout they should get a baby. There was a man who rowed across to an island and blew life into them. Scout thought God dropped babies down the chimney. Later she asked Dill why Boo never ran away. Dill figured that Boo didn't have anywhere to run away to.

Chapter 15

Dill got to stay with his Aunt. One night Mr. Tate (the sheriff) and some men came to talk to Atticus. They were putting Tom Robinson in jail for safety. Some men wanted to hurt Tom.

On Sunday evening, Atticus said he was going to his office. Later Jem and Scout snuck out and got Dill. Jem said he had a bad feeling. The kids went downtown and saw Atticus sitting outside the jail. Four cars pulled up. Men got out and told Atticus to move away. They wanted to hurt Tom. Atticus said to leave him alone.

Scout ran to Atticus. Atticus tried to order Jem to go home, but he wouldn't. One man grabbed Jem and Scout kicked the man.

Scout recognized Mr. Cunningham. She talked to him, but he ignored her. Scout didn't give up. She asked didn't he recognize her? She was Walter's friend. She said to tell Walter hi. Finally Mr. Cunningham bent down and said he would tell Walter she said hi. Then the men left.

When they walked home, Scout thought Atticus would be mad at Jem for not leaving when Atticus had told him to. But all Atticus did was rub Jem's hair.