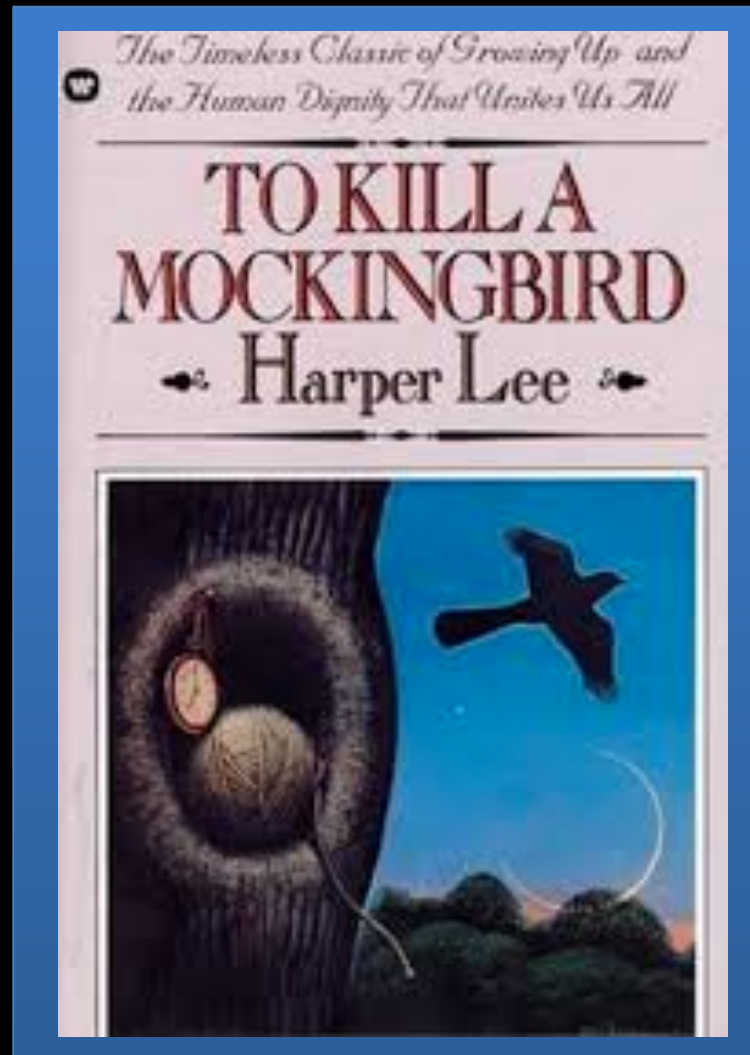


To Kill A Mockingbird

Chapters 25-27



Chapter 25

Later, Dill told Scout that he and Jem had been coming home from swimming when they met up with Atticus and Calpurnia on the road. Dill and Jem had begged for a ride, and Atticus said yes but only if they stayed in the car. Atticus and Calpurnia were on their way to tell Mrs. Robinson that her husband had been shot and killed.

Children were playing in the yard when they got to the Robinson's cabin. Atticus asked a boy where his mother was. The boy said he would get her. When Atticus told Mrs. Robinson the news, she fell to the ground. Calpurnia and Atticus carried her into the cabin.

Mr. Underwood wrote an article in the newspaper. He was upset about Tom being killed. He said that it was a sin to kill cripples, even if they were escaping. He compared it to the senseless slaughter of songbirds by hunters and children.

Mr. Ewell said about Tom: "It made one down and about two more to go". Jem told Scout not to be afraid, that Mr. Ewell was full of hot gas.

Chapter 26

Jem was in 7th grade that year and going to the high school. Scout was in 3rd grade. One day in school, a boy brought in an article about Adolph Hitler. Hitler was the leader of the Germany and was putting all the Jewish people into prisons. Miss Gates said that was bad because Hitler was hurting people just because they were Jewish. She said he was prejudiced.

When Scout went home she talked to Jem about this. She had heard Miss Gates say that it was okay Tom Robinson was killed. Scout didn't understand, because Miss Gates was telling the class it was not okay to hate anyone. But it seemed that Miss Gates was thought that it was okay to kill black people but it was not okay to kill Jewish people.

Jem got mad at Scout and said he didn't want to hear any more about the trial. He shoot Scout and made her leave. Atticus told her that Jem was trying to forget all the prejudice and injustice he saw at the trial, but one day Jem would make sense of it all.

Chapter 27

By October, no one talked about the trial or Tom anymore. But three things happened:

Bob Ewell got a job, but he was fired right away because he was lazy. Mr. Ewell blamed getting fired on Atticus.

Second, one night when Judge Taylor was home alone, someone broke into his house and scared Judge Taylor.

Third, Helen Robinson, Tom's widow, got a job. She had to walk by the Ewell house to get to her job, and when she did, Bob Ewell would yell and say mean things to her. When Helen's boss found out about it, he told Bob Ewell to leave her alone or he would call the police.

It was almost Halloween, and Scout was to be in a play about Maycomb County. Scout was happy because Jem said he would take her to the play.