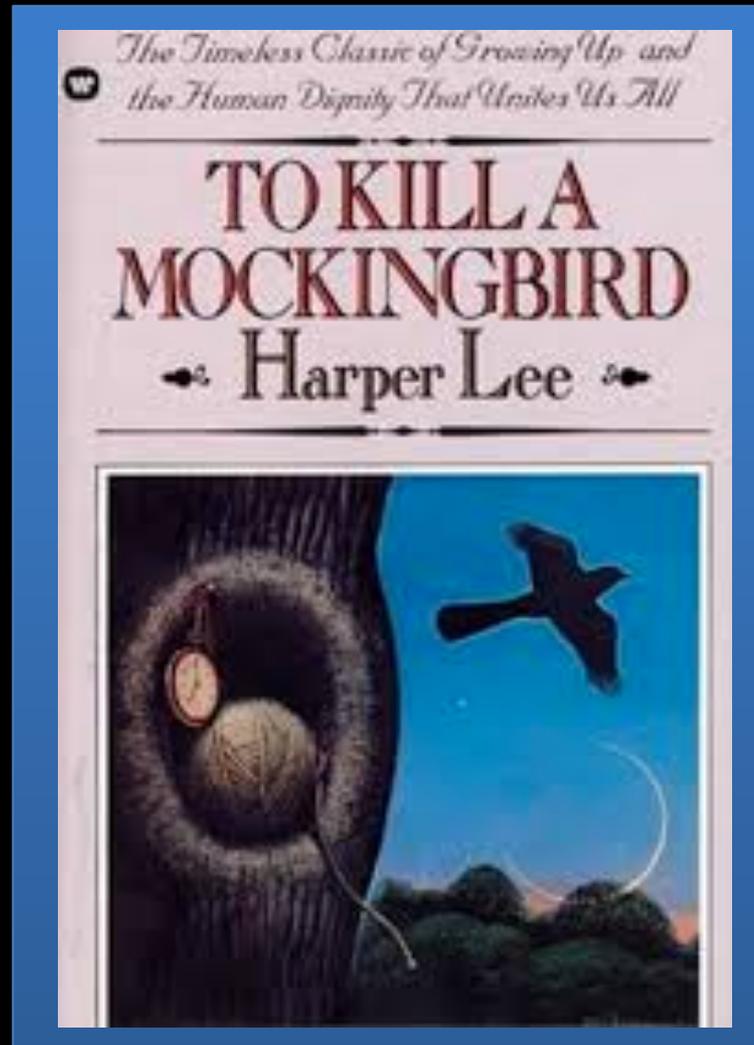


To Kill A Mockingbird

Chapters 4 - 6



Chapter 4

Coming home from school one day, Scout saw two shiny gum wrappers in a hole in a tree in the Radley's front yard. Scout tasted one to make sure it wasn't poison, then she chewed them. When Jem found out where she got them, he made her spit the gum out. Jem was afraid they were poisoned.

Going home after the last day of school, Jem and Scout found something else in the tree. It was a little box with two special pennies in it.

Dill came back for the summer again. Jem, Scout, and Dill got bored were playing with a tire. Scout got in the tire, and the boys rolled her down the street. She hit something and came to a stop in front of the Radley's house. Jem got upset and ran to help her.

After that, they made up a new pretend game they called The Radley's. Scout pretended that she was Mrs. Radley, Dill pretended he was old Mr. Radley, and Jem pretended he was Boo Radley and hid under the steps.

Every day they played "The Radleys."

One day Atticus saw them and asked if they were playing "The Radleys." Jem lied and said, "no." Scout wanted to stop playing because Atticus had seen them, and because when she fell in the tire, she had heard someone in the Radley's house laughing.

Chapter 5

Jem suggested they keep playing the game but change the names of the Radleys so no one would know.

Jem and Dill started spending more time together without Scout, so Scout decided to spend her time with their neighbor Miss Maudie. Scout asked Miss Maudie if Boo Radley was still alive. Miss Maudie said yes, she knew because she hadn't seen anyone take a body out. Scout said they could have stuffed the body up the chimney. Miss Maudie knew Boo when he was a boy, and she told Scout that he had been a very nice boy.

One morning, Scout found out that Jem and Dill were planning to get a note to Boo Radley. The note asked Boo to come outside and have ice cream with them. Jem hooked the note to the line of a fishing pole and tried to push the note through one of the Radley's windows. Dill was watching to make sure they didn't get caught--but Atticus caught them anyway.

Atticus tricked Jem into admitting that they were still playing the game about the Radleys. Atticus told them to leave Boo Radley alone because Boo had the right to stay in his house if he wanted to. He tried to get the children to see that they shouldn't judge Boo without trying to see things from his perspective.

Chapter 6

On Dill's last night in Maycomb, he and Jem decide to peek into the Radley's window and try to see Boo. Scout decided she was going with them.

When they started to go to the backyard, the gate squeaked, and they spit on it to make it stop. They had to crawl under barbed wire and through a garden.

Dill looked in one of the windows but couldn't see anything. Jem looked in another. He didn't see anything either. Then Scout saw a shadow of a man with a hat. The three children ran, and when Scout tripped in the garden, they heard the roar of a shotgun! Jem's pants got stuck on the barbed wire when they crawled back under the fence. He got out of them, and they ran home.

All the neighbors were outside because they had heard the gunshot. Mr. Radley said he had shot at a black man who was in his backyard.

Atticus saw Jem without his pants and asked where they were. Dill said Jem had lost them while playing a game. That night, Jem sneaked out of the house to get his pants. Scout was afraid for Jem to go by himself, but he went anyway.