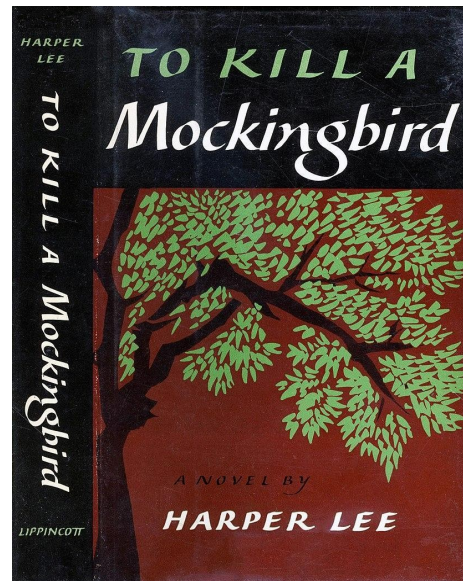


BOOK REVIEW

Name of the book: To Kill A Mockingbird

Name of the Author: Harper Lee

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To kill a mockingbird by Harper Lee is a story set in a small Southern American town, Maycomb, Alabama and focuses on the Finches'. The story is narrated by Scout, a seven year old girl and takes place over a span of three summers with Jim, her brother and Dil, a friend who visits every summer. Throughout the story there are certain events which develop the children's characters and give us the their perspective on things.

At heart, the novel revolves around the trials of Tom Robinson, a blackman charged with rape of a white girl and the conscience of a town overflowing with prejudice, racism and violence. The court appoints Atticus Finch, a principled and morally dominated lawyer to defend Tom. Atticus stands as a pillar of moral courage in the book as he defends Tom.

Central to the novel's plot is the metaphor of a mockingbird, introduced early on in the novel by Atticus to Scout and Jim. He teaches them that it is a sin to kill a mocking bird as they do no harm and only bring joy through their music. They also represent purity and goodness in a world full of cruelty and unjust. The metaphor interpenetrates the narrative, symbolising innocence, vulnerability, and the unjust persecution of those who embody goodness.

Here the characters of Boo Radley and Tom Robinson are portrayed as the innocent mockingbirds that were misunderstood by society due to prejudice.

The novel is a timeless masterpiece resonating with people of different ages and backgrounds.

Personally, the novel left a lasting impression on me, convincing me to reflect on the complexities of human nature and morals that guide us.

“To kill a mocking bird is a literary journey that resonates deeply with its exploration of justice, compassion, and the tumultuous journey of growing up.”