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To Kill a Mockingbird

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Main Characters

"Scout" Finch

"Jem" Finch, her brother

Atticus Finch, her father

Arthur "Boo" Radley

Tom Robinson
Main Settings

Town of Maycomb, Alabama

Courthouse

Radley Place
Scout Finch lives with her brother, Jem and their father, Atticus, in the quiet Alabama town of Maycomb.

Maycomb is a poor town during but Atticus is a famous lawyer and the Finch family is rich compared to the rest of the people in town.
One summer, Jem and Scout make friends with a boy named Dill. Dill has come to live in their neighborhood for the summer. The three friends act out stories together for fun. Then Dill becomes curious about the spooky house on their street called the Radley Place.
The Radley Place is owned by Mr. Nathan Radley, who has a brother named Arthur. Arthur has the nickname "Boo." Boo has lived in Maycomb all his life. Boo has not gone outside his house for many years and is never seen by anyone. All the children of Maycomb are afraid of Boo and make up scary stories about him. The children are afraid of Radley Place and run as fast as they can to go by it.
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Scout is upset when she walks home from school and doesn't know she is walking in front of the Radley Place. Scout finds presents in a hole in a tree on the Radley Place property. She wonders who put them there.
Dill returns the next summer. Dill, Scout, and Jem have fun when they act out their story of Boo Radley. Atticus puts a stop to this act and wants the children to understand how Boo Radley might be unhappy with this! Atticus wants the children to be kind to others.
On Dill's last night in Maycomb for the summer, the three children sneak onto the Radley Place property. There, Nathan Radley shoots at them and misses. Jem loses his pants while trying to run away. When he goes back for them, he finds them mended and hung over the fence.
The next winter, Jem and Scout find more presents in the tree, and they guess that the mysterious Boo left them there. Nathan Radley fills up the hole in the tree with cement. Soon there is a fire in another neighbor's house and during the fire, someone puts a blanket on Scout's shoulders as she watches the fire.

Jem is sure that Boo did this and tells Atticus about the mended pants and the presents.
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Calpurnia, the Finch's black cook, takes the children to the local black church where everyone is very happy to see them, and welcomes them into the church. This makes Scout and Jem feel so much better. They are happy.
When Atticus decides to be the lawyer for a black man named Tom Robinson, a lot of people in Maycomb are angry because they don't like black people. Tom Robinson is accused of hurting a white woman. The white woman lied.

Scout and Jem are sad because the other children tease them and are not nice.
Tom Robinson's trial begins, and when he is put in jail, many angry people go to the jail to try and kill him. Atticus goes to the jail yard to talk to the angry people. Jem and Scout sneak out of the house and go to the jail yard too. Scout talks to a man and asks about his son. This makes the man uncomfortable and he joins the angry people to go home.
The next day at the courthouse, the children sit in the "colored" balcony with the town's black people.

Atticus proves that the woman and her father lied about everything. Even though the white people lied, the white people on the jury say that Tom Robinson is guilty!!!

This is wrong. Tom Robinson is very upset and tries to leave jail but is shot dead.

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After this, Jem is very upset with the law and the people in Maycomb and becomes very sad.

The father of the woman is still unhappy and thinks that Atticus and the judge made a fool out of him. He wants to hurt Atticus and the judge.
The father is mean to Tom Robinson's widow. The father tries to break into the judge's house. Then the father attacks Jem and Scout as they walk home from a Halloween party. Boo Radley saves them and kills the father during the fight.
Boo carries the wounded Jem back to Atticus’s house, where the sheriff says everyone must help Boo and say that the father tripped over a tree root and fell on his own knife. Boo sits with Scout for a while and then goes home again to the Radley Place.
Later, Scout learns what life for Boo is like.

Now Boo is her friend and not scary at all.

Scout loves her father’s advice and treats other people nicely for the rest of her life and still believes in human goodness.

This adapted story is based on the Plot Overview from Sparknotes.com.