

"To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee".

To Kill Mockingbird centers on the awakening of a young girl, Jean Louise ("Scout") Finch, to racism and prejudice in her town. When one of the town's black residents is falsely accused of a crime against a white woman, Scout's father, Atticus Finch, agrees to defend the young man.

A coming-of-age story of an intelligent, unconventional girl, To Kill a Mockingbird portrays Scout's growing awareness of the hypocrisy and prejudice present in the adult world. Atticus Finch, a white lawyer hired to defend Tom Robinson, a black man falsely accused of raping a white woman.

Main Characters in the novel

- **Atticus Finch**, hero of Harper Lee's novel To Kill a Mockingbird, is the most inspiring character in literature, according to new research – despite his outing as a racist in Lee's sequel last summer.
 - **Scout Finch**, The experiences of the Finch family form the central story of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. When the novel begins, Scout is almost six years old but the novel is actually narrated by Scout when she is much older and looking back at the events that happened when she was a young girl.
 - **Jem Finch** is likable, brave, noble, and idealistic. He is also curious and protective. Scout, as she remembers, watches her brother grow and be more sensible over the course of three years throughout 'To Kill A Mockingbird' as his life begins a new chapter.
- As the antagonist, **Bob Ewell** maliciously blames Tom Robinson, a black man, for raping his daughter, which sets the stage for the primary conflict with Atticus, who represents Tom at his trial.
- The protagonist is **Jean Louise ("Scout") Finch**, an intelligent though the unconventional girl who ages from six to nine years old during the course of the novel. She is raised with her brother, Jeremy Atticus ("Jem"), by their widowed father, Atticus Finch.

Minor Characters in the novel

- **Jack Finch** - is the younger brother of Atticus and Alexandra. He is about 40. Jack smells like alcohol and something sweet and it is said that he and Alexandra have similar features. Jack is a childless doctor who can always make Scout and Jem laugh, and they adore him.
- **Judge Taylor** - runs his court in an informal fashion with the enjoyment of singing and dipping tobacco. During the Tom Robinson trial, he shows great distaste for the Ewells and considerable respect for Atticus. Because of the judge's sympathies for Tom, Bob Ewell attempts to break into the judge's house while the judge's wife is at church. After the trial, Miss Maudie points out to the children that the judge had tried to help Tom by appointing Atticus to the case instead of Maxwell Green, the new, untried lawyer who usually received court-appointed cases.