

through the word 'stealthy' as it connotes to a certain amount of self-preservation. By describing Boo in this way, the author creates the impression that people have rarely seen or spoken to him as upon doing so they would realize he has mental disabilities and is in fact a very kind/caring character who does nothing but sing. This gives the reader the thought that Boo is the proverbial mockingbird; injured by society and so karma lashes back with all of the conflict which occurs throughout the book whilst making them pity him.

Boo Radley is presented as a social recluse by the narrator. The narrator writes from the children's point of view how "people said he existed but Jem and I had never seen him". This suggests he rarely leaves the house or has people come to visit; further invoking pity from the reader as they realize just how isolated Boo actually is. However through the words 'people said' we can infer that the town has several people who gossip and enjoy spreading rumors and conversing about people who are less than able to defend themselves. It is unclear whether or not this is through his own choices or being outcast though. The way the author phrases it makes it seem very matter of fact as if it is a normal occurrence in the town. By describing Boo in this way, it makes him seem more human as despite all of the rumors (which may be the reason for his isolation) it implies he can and often does feel lonely. This makes the reader pity him and begin to understand there is more to Boo than trivial rumors.

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