

# Synopsis Outline of “To Kill a Mocking Bird” by Harper Lee

## I. Introduction

- Setting: Maycomb, Alabama, in the 1930s
- Main characters: Jean Louise “Scout” Finch, her brother Jem, and their father Atticus.

## II. Conflict

- Scout and Jem become fascinated with their reclusive neighbor, Arthur “Boo” Radley.
- A black man named Tom Robinson is accused of raping a white woman, and Atticus is appointed to defend him in court.

## III. Rising Action

- Scout and Jem become more curious about Boo, leaving notes and gifts in a tree outside his house.
- Atticus faces opposition from the community for defending Tom Robinson.
- Scout and Jem witness the trial, where it becomes clear that Tom is innocent but is convicted by an all-white jury.

## IV. Climax

- Bob Ewell, the father of the alleged rape victim, attacks Scout and Jem on their way home from a Halloween pageant.
- Boo saves the children by killing Bob, but asks Scout to keep his involvement a secret.

## V. Falling Action

- Scout reflects on the events of the past year, realizing that Boo has been watching over them all along.
- Tom is killed while trying to escape from prison, and Atticus and his family are targeted by the community for their association with him.

## VI. Resolution

- Scout comes to understand the importance of empathy and standing up for what is right, as she watches the town come together in the aftermath of Bob Ewell’s death.
- Boo Radley is revealed to be a gentle and kind person, and Scout sees him for the first time as a human being.