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**Author:** Harper Lee

**Book Title:** To Kill a Mockingbird

**Rate 1-5:** 4

*“To Kill a Mockingbird”* is a novel by Harper Lee that occurs during the “Great Depression.” The novel is set in Maycomb County, Alabama, and shows the lives of the people during this horrifying time in history. Jean Louise ‘Scout’ Finch is an intelligent girl who starts off the novel at 6 years old and ends the novel at 9 years old. Boo Radley, a mysterious man who symbolizes innocence creates suspense and keeps the readers on the edge of their seats curious as to what happens next. Throughout the novel, we see Scout (Jean) increasingly mature in various ways. She has a brother named Jem and their father is known as one of the best lawyers in town. Their father’s name is “Atticus Finch” and he gets appointed to an unusual case of a black man named “Tom Robinson” who is accused of raping a young white woman, Mayella Ewell.

I loved the book because of the lessons it teaches and how the conflicts still relate to today. There are many sudden changes of events that keep you excited. Although, the characters do use a lot of racial slurs and the themes (rape, etc) are inappropriate which might make you not want to read the book. My favorite character has to be Boo Radley because of his mysteriousness and the suspense he created throughout the book.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is older than 13 and can handle some sensitive topics such as rape, racism, and violence. This book is very long so if you aren’t as

interested in longer books, then this might not be a good book for you. Overall, it is an excellent and interesting read.