



TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

by Harper Lee

This classic and beloved book is known by all as the compelling story of Atticus Finch and his two children, Scout and Jem, who lived in Alabama in 1930. The children's days were spent making up plays and spying on the town recluse, Boo Radley. Their adventures in their neighborhood and their town are totally entertaining... "Scout finds herself in trouble one too many times and struggles with the concept of being a lady, especially when all she wants to do is wear overalls" ... and keep up with her older brother, Jem. The elusive Boo Radley is one of the unforgettable characters.

Everything of their peaceful life changes when Atticus, a lawyer, is appointed to the defense of Tom Robinson, a black man accused of raping a white woman, Mayella Ewell. The facts of this case rock the town, and Scout and Jem feel the brunt of their classmates' ridicule when they realize Atticus is on Tom's side.

The story is filled with pathos and surprises, and spotlights the impeccable integrity of Atticus and his dedication to his children and his profession. It "depicts racism and prejudice, childhood innocence, and the perseverance of a man who risked it all to stand up for what he believed in."

(Your Scribe's note: Some of the above is adapted from a reader's online review.)

CAMELOT COMMENTS

- I absolutely loved the book.
- I loved the book, too. Loved the characters –so appropriate for the times. And the names are so endearing - Scout, Jem, Calpurnia, Atticus.
- Loved it. My copy is highlighted all the way through.
- Also enjoyed it a lot. Appreciate the integrity of the times - you don't see that often.
- I wanted Scout to be my neighbor.
- Loved going back and reading it again. Gave me a new perspective. Modern fiction lacks moral certainties.
- My brother was like Jem, always standing up for me and taking care of me. Loved the book.
- If I could name my favorite book, it would be this. The characters and dialogue are so compelling and real. Atticus is a mountain of a man, and the story is unforgettable.

MEETING NOTES

Sue Ward entertained us in her usual grand fashion with wonderful refreshments and seasonal decor. Mockingbirds perched all around among the pumpkins and the creative Hallowe'en decor. She served maple cake AND coconut pie. The cake was adorned with 3 candles to honor Anne Simms' birthday. One candle was a wish for the past, one a wish for the present, and the third, a wish for the future.

Camelot members talked about up-dates, as we usually do. **Gwen Nelson** had a Blast from the Past when a person from long-ago said she had found great documents from Gwen's past - including a long-lost marriage certificate of her parents. Gwen was thrilled. **Terry Moore** reported her joy at participating in a local Bible Study, and, also, a trip to Jackson. **Ann Fitzgerald**, our guest for the day, said that her sister had come to visit from Social Circle, Ga. **Barbara Walton** told us of her trips to Shreveport to gamble and to Dallas to baby-sit. **Anne Simms** & Mike are planning a Big Month - birthdays and their wedding anniversary - Tennessee and points beyond. Our newest member, **Suzanne Tuite**, told us about their most enjoyable trip to the Road Scholar (formerly known as Elderhostel) in Santa Fe. She and her husband got a great tour of the surrounding areas, and are in awe of the art and scenery. **Margaret Oesch** (your Scribe) could only report on a trip to the Emergency Room after complications from Gene's latest medical procedure. They have now recovered, physically and emotionally! **Ann Seher** talked about her joy at a new job at Baylor Hospital which her daughter Christine has landed after many months without work.. **Robin Westerheim** has landed back at the lake after trips all over the place - to New Mexico, Arizona, Las Vegas, Utah, Colorado. It's hard to keep her at home. **Sue Ward** told us of her Garden Club's 2-hour tour of Cowboy Stadium. Gorgeous and amazing, she said, with 2800 TV's and a scoreboard that is six stories tall and has an elevator! They do it big in Texas.

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NEXT MEETINGS

When? Friday, November 19, 2010, 1:30p.m.

Where? At Peaches Oakes' house

Why? To have fun, and to discuss

Sacred by Dennis Lehane

(December 17th meeting is at Barbara Walton's house to discuss
"Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote)

CAMELOT BOOK CLUB IS GREAT

