

When I talk about the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, I have to say that I saw the mockingbird on many levels and I felt that the explanation that Atticus gave the children “It is a sin to kill a mockingbird because it doesn’t hurt anyone it just sings to amuse the surrounding people” is viewed over many levels in the novel.

First their neighbor Boo Radley as they called him, he never wanted to hurt anybody he just wanted to have fun with his life like any other teenager but his father didn’t let him he locked him inside the house and because of that and because of what he came to be, Mr. Hick refused to tell Maycomb county about what really happened when Mr. Ewell tried to kill Jim and Scout he said it will be a sin to put Boo -Arthur- in the spot light and make him deal with fame and what it will bring on him and for that same reason Scout repeated Atticus` sentence it is a sin to kill a mockingbird.

Second, Tom Robinson was also acting like a mockingbird, he was going to work and coming back and for his bad luck in front of Mayella Ewell. He treated her decently and talked with her respectfully and this is something she had never experienced before, simply because she was from the mixed people as Jim called them the white people wouldn’t care less for them because they live with pigs and the colored people (as they used to call them) wouldn’t talk with them because they are white. That’s why she took it as an offence when Atticus addressed her as Miss Mayella or “Maim”. Also, when he asked her about her friends. In fact she didn’t know the meaning of the word “friends”. Tom Robinson was the mockingbird for Mayella. He was doing his work without hurting anyone, he would rather help Mayella when she asked him because he felt sorry for her.

At some point I actually felt like Mayella acted like a mockingbird for her family, she did her job, she took care of her brothers and sisters and obeyed her father in everything., On the other hand, he tried to hurt her and he hit her badly for her only fault: she had feelings to the one person who respected her and tried to give her a hand in her daily misery and treating her tenderly. This was what she wanted most, what she has been deprived of besides the other tangible things she was deprived of.

Mr. Ewell tried to kill Mayella as a mockingbird and she by turn tried to kill Tom Robinson in revenge as he refused her and made her dad hit her.

Then most of Maycomb county: the white people, tried to kill the lawyer Atticus Finch for defending “that negro” and tried to abuse him and called him bad names like “negro lover” ,Though he was just doing his job.

Reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* was really a fabulous experience for me. I was so moved by Scout as a child, her innocence in handling things and her honesty in dealing with different situations.

For example, she was so innocent when she tried to explain to Miss Caroline Fisher how she was able to read at this early age but Miss Caroline thought she was imaging things and telling lies .

Also when she stood up for her father at the “Maycomb prison”, I got tears in my eyes when I first read the novel and again when I was watching the film, I was very moved, by her innocence and that she was able to embarrass Mr. Cunningham and his Old Sarum gang and saved the day. Although she was young but she had the courage to differentiate between what is right and what is wrong, what is good and what is bad, what is done and what is supposed to be done.

On the other hand, Jim defended his father in the only way he knew being a twelve years old. He was so angry and he disobeyed his father because he couldn't leave him in this situation but that attitude didn't help., In fact Scout's attitude was the only way out. Though it has ended sorrowfully this is the writer's point of view "Harper Lee" which was very effectively expressed that it took my breath away.

I found very impressed by Atticus, mainly, his personality and the way he chose to teach his kids: Jim or Scout important things and manners. I was deeply moved by his honesty which he passed on to his kids and mostly how to control their temper. I am a mother of two kids, a boy and a girl, and after I had this fabulous experience with the novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Atticus became my "**Hero**".

He is the perfect example of a decent parent, in fact before reacting as I used to in dealing with my kids' messy situations and questions, I dodge stop for a moment and ask myself : what would Atticus do in this situation? or, what would be his response to this question? then, act accordingly. That is only because Atticus's manners reflect a great deal of our values.. For all of that, and the way he acted in Tom Robinson's case, I find, Atticus is the perfect example of a mockingbird .