

# Harper Lee

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(Nelle) Harper Lee was born in Monroeville on April 28, 1926, the youngest child of Amasa Coleman Lee, a lawyer, and Frances Finch<sup>2</sup>. Her father was a former newspaper editor and proprietor, who had served as a state senator and practiced as a lawyer in Monroeville<sup>3</sup>. Her mother suffered from mental illness for most of Lee's life, rarely leaving the house.<sup>4</sup>

As a child, Lee was a tomboy and a precocious reader<sup>5</sup>, and enjoyed the friendship of her schoolmate and neighbor, the young Truman Capote<sup>6</sup>.

After finishing public school in Monroeville, she attended Huntington College, a private school for women in Montgomery, for a year and then transferred to the University of Alabama to study law.<sup>7</sup> Lee studied at the University of Alabama from 1945 to 1949, and spent a year as an exchange student in Oxford University. Six months before finishing her studies, she went to New York to pursue a literary career.

Lee worked as an airline reservation clerk<sup>8</sup> until the late 50s, when she devoted herself to writing.<sup>9</sup> In 1959, Lee accompanied Truman Capote to Holcombe, Kansas, as a research assistant for Capote's classic 'non-fiction' novel *In Cold Blood* (1966).

Harper Lee got famous for her race relations novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1961. The book became an international bestseller and was adapted into screen in 1962. Although her first novel gained a huge success, Lee did not continue her literary career. She returned from New York to Monroeville, where she has lived with her sister Alice, avoiding interviews.<sup>10</sup>

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ولدت (نيل) هاربر لي في مدينة مونروفيل بولاية ألاباما في ٢٨ أبريل عام ١٩٢٦، وهي الابنة الصغرى ضمن أربعة أطفال لوالدها أماسا كولمان لي ووالدتها فرنسيس فينش. كان والدها يملك جريدة يقوم هو بتحريرها، كما عمل محامياً بمدينة مونروفيل، أما والدتها فقد عانت من مرض عقلي لفترة طويلة، ولم تغادر المنزل إلا نادراً.

كانت هاربر لي الطفلة تتشبه كثيراً بالأولاد، وقد بدأت في القراءة في سن مبكرة، وكانت على علاقة صداقة وطيدة بجارها وزميلها في الدراسة ترومان كابوتي.

بعد أن أنهت هاربر لي دراستها الثانوية بمونروفيل، التحقت بكلية هنتجتون الخاصة للبنات بمونتجمري لمدة عام، ثم انتقلت إلى جامعة ألاباما لدراسة القانون، وقد درست هاربر لي بجامعة ألاباما من ١٩٤٥ حتى ١٩٤٩، كما قضت عاماً بجامعة أكسفورد بإنجلترا في إطار تبادل دراسي، لكنها قطعت دراستها قبل تخرجها بستة أشهر، وذهبت إلى نيويورك لتبدأ حياتها ككاتبة.

عملت هاربر لي كموظفة بمكاتب حجز رحلات الطيران حتى أواخر الخمسينيات، حتى قررت تكريس حياتها للكتابة. في عام ١٩٥٩ رافقت هاربر لي صديق طفولتها ترومان كابوتي إلى بلدة هولكومب بولاية كانزاس لمساعدته في إجراء البحث اللازم لروايته الكلاسيكية "غير الروائية" « في دم بارد».

اشتهرت هاربر لي بروايتها «أن تقتل طائراً بريئاً» التي تتناول العلاقة بين البيض والسود في أمريكا، والتي حصلت على جائزة بوليتزر في عام ١٩٦١. أصبحت الرواية من الكتب الأكثر مبيعاً وتم تحويل الرواية إلى فيلم سينمائي عام ١٩٦٢. وعلى الرغم من أن النجاح الباهر للرواية، لم تكمل هاربر لي مشوارها الأدبي، فقد عادت من نيويورك إلى مونروفيل حيث عاشت مع أختها أليس وامتعت عن إجراء أية لقاءات صحفية.

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