

Tom Robinson is a significant character in this novel, he is a good man accused of doing wrong and prosecuted for being black, he is also one of the mockingbirds of the book alongside Boo Radley. In this book Tom Robinson was prosecuted for the alleged ^{and physical attack} rape of Mayella Ewell which didn't actually happen and all evidence says that it is impossible for it to be Tom but he was still ~~was~~ found guilty only because he is black and ~~was~~ the people of Maycomb was still a segregated society then. Tom's ~~was~~ lawyer was Atticus Finch who believes in equality and justice so was more than happy to help and be a black man's lawyer while Scout and Jem get verbal abuse from their neighbours and schoolmates because their dad 'defends niggers' and now they are looked down upon in the Maycomb society because they are not as open or welcoming as the Finch family are.

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Tom Robinson's trial affected a lot of people, for instance Atticus, Scout and Jem, the Robinson family and the Ewells all because of this one false accusation made as a cover-up for Bob Ewell, who physically attacked his daughter Mayella because she had started developing feelings for Tom and her father didn't approve so he got Mayella to lie about Tom to get him killed and make sure he has no chance of being near his daughter again although Mayella liked Tom's company because he was nice to her and she rarely gets that, she still lied because she was scared of her dad. The trial affected the Robinson family because his wife and kids lost a husband and a dad and Tom lost everything and ~~eventually~~ got shot for trying to run away all because he was nice to one girl who needed help. The trial affected the Finches from the abuse they got for being related to a so called 'nigger lover' even though they were doing a good thing helping someone in need.

In conclusion Tom is very important to the novel, he is a mockingbird: one of the two people who was given a negative impression by the people of Maycomb who were actually kind, caring people and he was a good person, he never did anything wrong but still got taken to prison and he changed Scout and Jem's

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