

# The Maycomb Disease

## The Tom Robinson Trial: A white woman's word against a negro



This photo was taken when me, Jem, and Dill snuck into the courtroom. As you can see we went to the balcony where all of the

Negros sat. This shows that we have nothing against black folk.

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I, Scout Finch am writing to all the children of Maycomb. The usual disease is coming around. There are two ways to reduce the chances of catching the disease. You need to stay around colored folk, because they are immune to it. This disease is far more worse than killing a mockingbird. The other option is covering your ears if you do not want to get infected by some of Maycomb's white folk who think they are so high and mighty.

You see, recently all of the town has been talking about some guy named Tom Robinson. They say he done raped a white woman. I was confused because first I did not know why Tom Robinson was important and second, I had no idea what rape was. Well I found out that it's so important because Tom is a man of color. I also found out that rape is forcing someone to lie down with you even though the person doesn't want to lie down. It was really shocking when I found this out because Tom Robinson has a disability. He does not have the ability to move his left arm. This is very unique to the trial because it requires two hand to force her to lie down.

With my brother Jem, I snuck onto the balcony of the courtroom. As the trial moved on I paid close attention. I was upset that once again almost every man below us had caught the disease. When they voted Tom guilty I was so upset. You could obviously tell that Mayella was lying because she kept looking at her father as if she didn't know what to say.

I must say that it was quite dumb of Tom to go into the Ewell's house and he did it often. Tom had to pass Mayella's house everyday to get home, and every time he passed Mayella would have some work for him to do. One day as he passed Mayell asked him to grab a box for her. When he grabbed the box Mayella pushed herself against him. Tom fell and Mayella started kissing him. Tom should have suspected something as soon as he noticed that all the kids were off the place. Tom was shocked so he pushed Mayella off of him and ran.

I kinda knew that he was going to be voted guilty because during the cross examination Tom said that he felt sorry for her. It basically ruined his chances of winning. Every member of the courtroom had

noticed Tom's mistake, because there has never been a time when a colored man put himself over a white person. Being better than everybody else meant so much to all the white folk that they let their pride get in the way of making the right decision.

There was a huge negative effect on all the negroes. No one could get their mind off of the trial, especially Bob Ewell. He was still mad at Atticus fro trying to defend Tom. He did all types of crazy things like following Helen home all the time. Mr. Deas had to threaten to send him to jail to make him stop. Bob Ewell also followed me and Jem home from a halloween party. He attacked us and he pulled out a knife. It happened so fast, some strange man came out of nowhere and pushed Bob off of Jem. Bob died after falling and piercing his self with his own knife. Soon after Bob's death it seems like Maycomb settled down. Just remember that the worst thing a person can do is catch The Maycomb Disease.