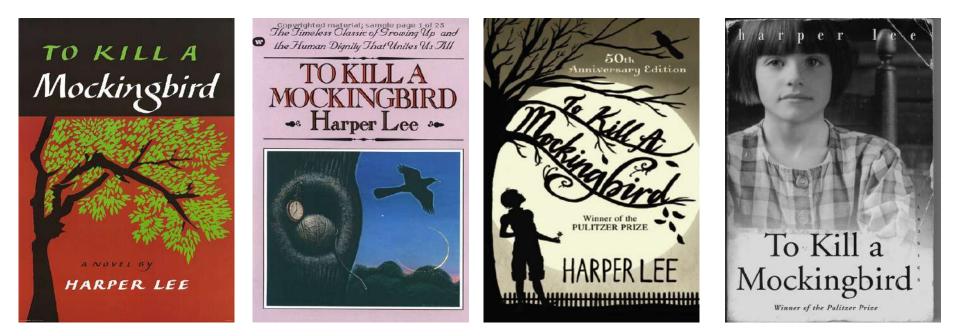
To Kill A Mockingbird

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Chapters 15-17

Direct Characterization

- Jem: Curious, inquisitive- "'Jem's got the look-arounds,' an affliction Calpurnia said all boys caught at his age" (149).
- Atticus: Distant, loving in his own right- "As they passed under a streetlight, Atticus reached out and massaged Jem's hair, his one gesture of affection" (155).

Indirect Characterization

- Dill: Persistent, naïve- "Dill had hit upon a foolproof plan to make Boo Radley come out at no cost to ourselves (place a trail of lemon drops from the back door to the front yard and he's follow it like an ant)" (144-145).
- Jem: Stubborn, unreasonable- "'Son, I said go home.' Jem shook his head" (152).



Allusions

- Jitney Jungle: "Miss Maudie said she'd never seen Miss Stephanie go to the Jitney Jungle in a hat in her life" (160).
 - The Jitney Jungle was a chain of supermarkets that began in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1919.
- Coca-Cola: "Jem giggled. 'He's got a Co-Cola bottle full of whiskey in there'" (160).
 - Coca-Cola is a carbonated soft drink sold in stores, restaurants, and vending machines in more than 200 countries.

Allusions (Continued)

- Pantomime: "Like Mr. Heck Tate, I imagined a person facing me, went through a swift mental pantomime, and concluded that he might have held held her with his right hand and pounded her with his left" (178).
 - Pantomime is the art or technique of conveying emotions, actions, feelings by gestures without speech.

Sherlock Holms: "Sherlock Holms and Jem Finch would agree" (178).

Sherlock Holms is a fictional detective created by author and physician Sir Arthur Concer Doyle.

Figurative Language

- Hyperbole- "'It's all over town this morning,' Dill announced, 'all about how we held off a hundred folks with our bare hands'" (158).
- Imagery- "She (Miss Maudie) was now standing arms akimbo, her shoulders drooping a little, her head cocked to one side, her glasses winking in the sunlight" (159).
- Simile- With his infinite capacity for calming turbulent seas, he could make a rape case as dry as a sermon" (169).

Figurative Language (Continued)

- Dialect- "'Why, I run for Tate quick as I could. I knowed who it was, all right, lived down yonder in that niggernest, passed the housed every day. Jedge, I've asked this county for fifteen years to clean out that nest down yonder, they're dangerous to live around 'sides devaluin' my property'" (175).
- Metaphor- "He seemed to grow ruddy again; his chest swelled, and once more he was a red little rooster" (176).

Examples of Theme

- Real courage does not waver- "You can turn around and go home again, Walter,' Atticus said pleasantly. 'Heck Tate's around here somewhere'" (151).
- The end of innocence is the beginning of growth- "The full meaning of tonight's events hit me and I began crying" (156).
- Ignorance creates racist beliefs- "'That's what I thought,' said Jem, 'but around here once you have Negro blood, that makes you all black'" (162).