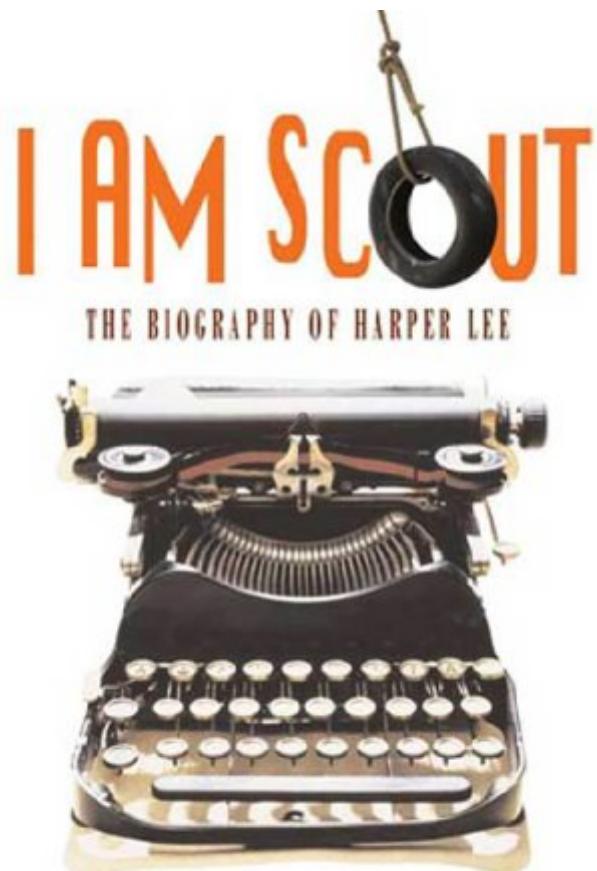


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# I Am Scout: The Biography Of Harper Lee



## Synopsis

To Kill a Mockingbird is one of the most widely read novels in American literature. It's also a perennial favorite in highschool English classrooms across the nation. Yet onetime author Harper Lee is a mysterious figure who leads a very private life in her hometown of Monroeville, Alabama, refusing to give interviews or talk about the novel that made her a household name. Lee's life is as rich as her fiction, from her girlhood as a rebellious tomboy to her days at the University of Alabama and early years as a struggling writer in New York City. Charles J. Shields is the author of the New York Times bestseller *Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee*, which he has adapted here for younger readers. What emerges in this riveting portrait is the story of an unconventional, high-spirited woman who drew on her love of writing and her Southern home to create a book that continues to speak to new generations of readers. Anyone who has enjoyed *To Kill a Mockingbird* will appreciate this glimpse into the life of its fascinating author. *I Am Scout* is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

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## Customer Reviews

Read this after "To kill a mocking bird" (for the 5th or 6th time) and after the new release of "The Watchman". This is like a two-fer because so much info is there about Harper Lee AND Truman Capote. Wonderful biography, brings you closer to the woman who authored the award winning book.

I have taught "To Kill a Mockingbird" (TKAM) in my sophomore English classes for eleven years. This biography provided interesting insights into the life of Harper Lee, and I saw many connections to TKAM. For example, the fact that Mrs. Finch has passed away and is barely mentioned in the novel always perplexed me. After reading the book, I now know why. I also know why Nelle/Harper Lee originally planned to name the book "Atticus." The biography is a "must" for anyone teaching TKAM or anyone who just loves the book (count me for both).

The book grabbed many relevant things about Harper Lee, would have loved mention of her walk on in a Katherine Hepburn movie, I saw once ....cant think of the name ...

The story of Nelle's life is almost as fascinating as Scouts' with so many parallels, it makes for a great read! Timely reading for me with her recent passing offered some valuable insights into her life and character. If you loved "To kill a mockingbird" this is a great follow-up, after you read "Go set a watchman" of course!!

This biography gives a clear picture of Harper Lee and ultimately her fear of not living up to the success of TKAM with another novel. The social exchanges amongst her family and her reluctant public profile were as expected but still insightful and balanced. An enjoyable read. I would not categorise it as targeting a youth market but rather a simple synopsis of her life and expectations

Great for young readers of the book, "to kill a mockingbird". Great Read for all ages.

An interesting book to read. Nelle truly was an intelligent woman, but not without inward problems. Her childhood friend was only interested in himself and his fame in the literary world. They had a strange literary relationship - at times like fire and water. Apparently she was a one book

author who couldn't restart her talent and follow up with others,

Simply written for younger readers, I still enjoyed reading about Nelle Harper Lee. She was a neighbor until her sudden passing this past February. Not sure what she would think about this tome, but I found it interesting.

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