

PREJUDICE IN MAYCOMB

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Ever since a certain teacher was angry with me for defending a fellow student who was not able to take the money because their family could not afford to pay it back, I knew that in Maycomb there was a lot of racism and prejudice. But I would have never thought that I would have dealt with so many experiences in just such little time. In the past few weeks I have dealt with more racism than some people have in a lifetime.

One act, wasn't exactly racist but when I heard about Boo Radley, the certain people I talked to made it seem like he was some type of evil serial killer murderer. Now that I have dealt with these experiences I not know that Boo Radley is a caring and nice person. I remember when I told my daddy that Boo Radley was a nice person, and he told me, "Most people are, once you get to know them."

The next racist act that I have experienced was my Aunt Alexandra, she does not like blacks, no matter how rich or poor that they may be. She said that she doesn't know why her black help looks so depressed. Doesn't she know that they are treated unfair and unequal to white snobs like her? Then, she had a nerve to tell my daddy that she didn't want our help Calpurnia round' us because she was in the house. Doesn't she know that Calpurnia is like a mother to me and Jem. At the time I was feeling like "NOW SHE WANTS TO COME AROUND!" Where was she when our mum died? Another act of prejudice I

experienced was a certain man whose name rhymes with Sophus Daymond, he has a negro wife, and negro children but he knows that Maycomb would not accept him because of his family. One day he showed me what was in that paper bag of his and my brother and I were surprised to see that it wasn't whisky, or any other type of alcoholic drink for that matter, it was coca cola. He said that he acts drunk so that people could think that there was something wrong with him. It is a shame that someone would have to do this to hide who they really are, but maybe if Maycomb were different, he could actually be himself. Even after going through all of those experiences, the worst of them all was the Tom Robinson trial, Mr. Robinson was accused of doing nasty things to a certain white girl who lives in a poor neighborhood of Maycomb. Mr. Robinson was found guilty because it was the certain girl's father that was forcing her to do those things. Mr. Robinson went to trial and my daddy 'Atticus Finch' tried his hardest. But the jury was just too racist to see past the color of his skin and look at the facts. I just don't understand how people could be so heartless towards a man who did nothing wrong. Mr. Robinson was found guilty and sent to jail but even Judge Taylor was upset with the verdict because he slammed that door when he barged out of the courtroom when Mr. Robinson was found guilty. I mean maybe since African-Americans or just outcasts in general don't 'fit in Maycomb, maybe they should go elsewhere because of the prejudice in Maycomb but I think that we should allow this any longer!