

SYNOPSIS

It has been a year since twenty-six-year-old Jean Louise Finch left her country of Maycomb in Alabama to get a better chance at New York City. Recently, Jean Louise is back to the town given her annual vacation to visit her family back home. Her father, Atticus Finch, is a prominent figure in that little town, not only because he is a lawyer but also because once he won an incredible acquittal for a young black man accused of rape. But now most of his time spent on home with her sister, Alexandra Finch, because of his rheumatoid arthritis.

Upon arrival, Jean Louise is met by her childhood friend and current lover Henry Clinton, who is currently working in Atticus office. Even though Henry and Jean has been a couple for a several years now, the idea of marriage is still not an option for Jean. That night, Jean and Henry went to a dinner and later went to go to Finch's Landing. On the way there, Jean suddenly remembers her childhood; her brother Jem, who is just a few years ago taken by a sudden heart attack, her childhood friend Dill, who is just somewhere abroad. And the next day, they will go to the church, where Jean will be reunited with her uncle, Jack Finch, which she trusts more than everybody on that church.

Although she is supposed to see Uncle Jack that afternoon, Jean Louise discovers a racist pamphlet in her house, which prompts Aunt Alexandra to reveal that Henry and Atticus have gone to the white supremacists' Citizens' Council of Maycomb meeting. Jean Louise sneaks into the courthouse and is appalled by the outright racism going on in the meeting, and feels betrayed by Henry and especially Atticus in their passive condoning. She runs home and falls asleep; dreaming of the

time she mistakenly thought she was pregnant in the sixth grade. She was then so ashamed of her pregnancy that she attempted suicide by jumping from the water tower to save her family's dignity, but was saved by Henry Clinton.

When Jean Louise wakes up, she hears that Calpurnia's grandson has committed manslaughter while drunk and Atticus will take up his case. However, Atticus is doing so because he does not want the NAACP to be involved. Disillusioned with him, Jean Louise visits Calpurnia, and is received coldly. Upon coming home, Jean Louise is immediately ushered into a coffee with the town ladies that her aunt has set up. Exhausted by the shallowness and bigotry of the town women, Jean goes to finally visit Uncle Jack that afternoon. She confronts her uncle about her father's twisted views, and Uncle Jack unsuccessfully and in a roundabout way tries to explain to her the necessity of individual conscience.

Jean Louise storms back to town, and remember her first high school dance. She went with Henry, and wore false bosoms; when the false bosoms slipped, Henry tossed them away into the night. They were found the next morning and caused administrative outrage; Henry devised a scheme to have every girl claim that the falsies were hers. Now, Jean Louise and Henry get coffee, and she tells him she will not marry him. They argue; she storms out and runs into Atticus. Jean Louise and Atticus argue until Jean Louise rushes home to pack and leave Maycomb as soon as possible. She is stopped by Uncle Jack, who slaps her and makes her see that she has finally become her own person. Jean Louise reconciles with Henry and Atticus, and prepares to stay out the rest of her vacation time in Maycomb.