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Introduction

This novel was published in the year 1960. It was written by Harper Lee. This novel has been translated into many languages and many of its copies have been sold all over the world. This novel was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in the year 1961. This novel has been lauded for its attempt to make the current generation be aware of prejudice and racism.

Summary

This novel gives a story that happens in Alabama town. The story narrated to a child who is roughly between 6 and 9 years old (Page 1). This child is called Jean Louse Finch and Atticus Finch is her father. Atticus Finch is a Caucasian lawyer and is hired to defend a black man called Tom Robinson who is accused falsely of raping a Caucasian woman. Jean Louse who is very intelligent is brought out as one who is very aware of prejudice and hypocrisy that exists in the real world by the novel.

The novel which was written in the period of the great depression of 1930 to 1933, tries to marry a young girl who is coming out of age with the harsh reality of the origin of racism and the consequences of racism. This novel shows how the evil and good can exist in an individual and a community. Jean Louse who is the protagonist in the novel is brought up by Jem who is her brother and Atticus Finch who is her father (Page 2). Atticus inspires Jem and Jean Louse to be Philosophical rather than being carried away by ignorance superstitions (Page 35). When a serious rape charge is raised against Robinson, Atticus agrees to be at his defense. Atticus compiles a case that gives the more reasonable explanation.

Tom get convicted and a friend of Robinson called Bob Ewell attempt to punish Atticus with a very violent act as there was a lot of terror in town when Tom was convicted. Children,

however, remain carried out in their superstitions and prejudice. Boo Radley who is a local legend remains indoors in the house of his brother. The children are superstitious of him and no one wants to trespass on the property of Radley. These superstitions are propelled by the town elders who Atticus heavily reprimands (Page 90).

A character named Boo presents himself as a benevolent person where he protects Jean Louise and Jem from the situation which is dangerous. "There goes the meanest man that God ever gave breath into." (Page 3) Jean Louise learns a lot where she learns that she should never abuse others out of negativity that is not founded and that she should persevere when these values are subverted negatively or when they are simply not observed.

Response

This novel equips the current generation with knowledge and values that are important in handling racism. The young generation should resist heavily from engaging in actions that promote racism. As a matter of fact, it should ensure that racism is not passed on to the generations to come. The young people should also ensure that it promotes and maintains positive values in the society. People should never be accused falsely and this generation should remain steadfast in the fight for each member of the community. The people should also persevere and fight for these values whenever they are subverted.

Analysis

The point of view of the narrative is that positivity should exceed negativity. Where the narrator gives hope to the society through advocating against racism, promoting benevolence, promoting positive social values, and placing hope on the young generation.

The problem facing the main character who is Jean louse is blossoming in a world full of hate, injustice, racism, superstition, prejudice, and the subverting of core values in the society.

This part of the novel continues to surface topics such as racism, prejudice, society, and values.

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