

“We were readers”

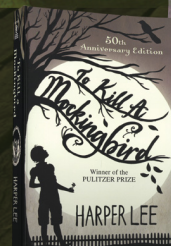
“We didn’t have toys, nothing was done for us, so the result was that we lived in our imagination most of the time. We devised things; we were readers, and we would transfer everything we had seen on the printed page to the backyard in the form of high drama.”

Harper Lee



Nelle Harper Lee, one of America’s most beloved authors, gave the characters in *To Kill a Mockingbird* literary immortality, and in doing so, she achieved the same for herself. Through her portrayal of heroism in everyday life and courage in the face of overwhelming odds, Lee showed all readers that bravery and wisdom come from within and that the innocence of a child can triumph over the prejudice of adults. For her indelible creation, Lee was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2007.

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