

# **Student Essay on Boo Radley in To kill a Mockingbird**

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# Essay

The house of Boo Radley is a house of mystery. What happens there, no one knows. No one will ever know. Anyone may think the house is ordinary if they read about the house in the book, with out any descriptions that is. To be honest, the house is out of the ordinary. It is very old and filled with mystery unlike all the other houses in Maycomb, Alabama.

"The Radley house was low, was once white with a deep front porch and green shutters, but had long ago darkened to the color of the slate-gray yard around it. Rain-rotted shingles drooped over the eaves of the veranda; oak trees kept the sun away. The remains of the picket drunkenly guarded the front yard- a "swept" yard that was never swept-where johnson grass and rabbit-tobacco grew in abundance."

The quote above gives the description of the house away. With this one quote we already know that the Radley house used to be normal. The house used to be like the other houses in Maycomb. We also know that the house is very old because the once white house is now a slate-gray color and it is basically falling apart.

The narrator later on adds, "...tall pecan trees shook their fruit into the school yard, but the nuts lay untouched by children: Radley nuts would kill you." This quote adds mystery to the description of the house. The trees are located by the school lot but since they are partly in the Radley yard the nuts are partly poisonous.

"...Studying the simple terrain..." Even though the house is old and mysterious the narrator still calls it simple, which make the house more mysterious.