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I Am Scout

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Shields, Charles J. *I am Scout*. Henry Holt and Company, 2008. ISBN 9780805083347. \$18.95.
246 p.

Reviewer: Lauren Bangerter

Reading Level: Young adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Informational books; Biography;

Subject: Lee, Harper--Juvenile literature; Authors, American--20th Century--Biography--
Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

Beginning in the small town of Monroeville, Shields reconstructs and narrates the quiet life of Pulitzer Prize winning author Harper Lee. Commenting on experiences Lee had in her home town, in college, and then as an author in New York, Shields expounds Lee's personality and motivation to write, highlighting similarities between Lee's life and her novel. Shields has done a superb job of combining the little information Lee has given about herself with interviews by Lee's friends and associates to create an intriguing and informative read. Shields speaks with a warm, small-town conversational tone characteristic of the South and of Lee's masterpiece *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

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