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### Editorial Review

#### From the Back Cover

First in *To Kill a Mockingbird* and fifty-five years later with *Go Set a Watchman*, Harper Lee's beloved characters resonate with readers long after the books are finished. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, published in July 1960, has become a touchstone in American literary and social history. It may well be our national novel.

With *Scout, Atticus & Boo*, Mary McDonagh Murphy commemorates more than half a century of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by exploring the novel's history and influence. In compelling interviews, Anna Quindlen, Tom Brokaw, Oprah Winfrey, James Patterson, James McBride, Scott Turow, Wally Lamb, Andrew Young, Richard Russo, Adriana Trigiani, Rick Bragg, Jon Meacham, Allan Gurganus, Diane McWhorter, Lee Smith, Rosanne Cash, and others reflect on their own personal connections to Lee's masterpiece, what it means to them—then and now—and how it has affected their lives and careers.

#### From Publishers Weekly

Murphy—an Emmy-winning writer, director, and producer—celebrates Harper Lee's only novel with a documentary, *Hey, Boo*, and this book, a collection of mostly venerating interviews with writers and celebrities, black and white, from Oprah Winfrey to Tom Brokaw, Rosanne Cash, and Richard Russo. A few incisive remarks emerge. James McBride, for example, takes issue with calling Harper Lee brave—doing so absolve[s] yourself of your own racism. Wally Lamb and Allan Gurganus, among others, reveal Lee's influence on their writing. Unfortunately, in Part I, Murphy summarizes the most interesting of her subjects' comments, creating a sense of *déjà-vu* when the reader gets to the actual interviews. Racism, smalltown America, Lee's 50-year silence since the book's publication, her relationship with Truman Capote, and the appeal of the book's principal characters are touched on by most of the interviewees; such shared themes and opinions result in redundancy. Readers should turn (or return) to *To Kill a Mockingbird* before bothering to dip into this disappointing collection. 11 b&w photos. (June)

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#### About the Author

Mary McDonagh Murphy is an Emmy Award-winning producer and an independent documentary director whose work has appeared on NBC, PBS, and CBS. This book is based on her interviews in the film *Harper Lee: From Mockingbird to Watchman*, broadcast on PBS's American Masters in July 2015. Murphy has written for *Newsweek*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Daily Beast*, and *Publishers Weekly*. She lives in Scarborough, New York, with Bob, Kate, and James Minzesheimer.

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