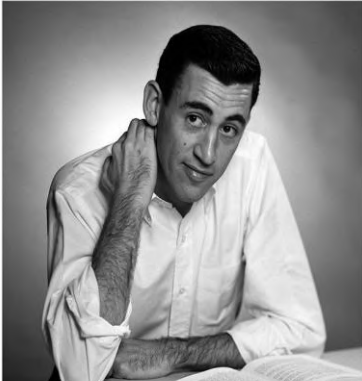


Author of the Week: Jerome David Salinger



Jerome David Salinger (January 1, 1919 – January 27, 2010) better known as J. D. Salinger, was an American writer. He was best known for his 1951 novel 'The Catcher in the Rye'.

Salinger was born in Manhattan, New York on January 1, 1919. His father, Sol Salinger, sold kosher cheese, and was from a Jewish family of Lithuanian descent.

His life and career

In youth, Salinger attended public schools on the West Side of Manhattan. Then in 1932, the family moved to Park Avenue, and Salinger was enrolled at the Mc Burney School. At Mc Burney, he managed the fencing team, wrote for the school newspaper and appeared in plays. He "showed an innate talent for drama", though his father opposed the idea of J.D.'s becoming an actor. His parents then enrolled him at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pennsylvania and graduated in 1936. In 1939, Salinger attended the Columbia University School of General Studies, where he took a writing class taught by Whit Burnett. He took his last breath January on 27, 2010 (aged 91) Cornish, New Hampshire.

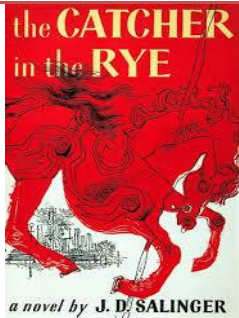
In February 1955, at the age of 36, Salinger married Claire Douglas, a Radcliffe student (her father was the art critic Robert Langton Douglas). J.D. Salinger was destined for things other than writing. His father wanted him to be a meat importer. He fenced and had a passion for acting; he liked acting so much that he would sign yearbooks with the roles he performed.

His father discouraged his other interests, and sent him to Vienna for 10 months in 1937. He grew close to his host family, especially the family's daughter, which became his first relationship. In 1945, the entire family was murdered. The daughter became the subject for his 1974 story A Girl I Knew.

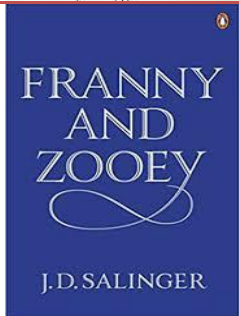
In 1942, Salinger was drafted to the Army. During his time in the military, he met fellow writer Ernest Hemingway. The two of them got along well. Salinger also wrote most of The Catcher in the Rye during the war. J.D. Salinger ceased the publication of any of his new work in 1965 and halted interviews in 1980. He put up multiple "No Trespassing" signs and threatened people who dared to step on the property with a gun

"Honest writing always makes people nervous" --- Salinger

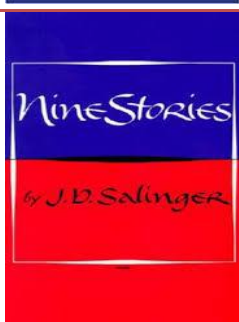
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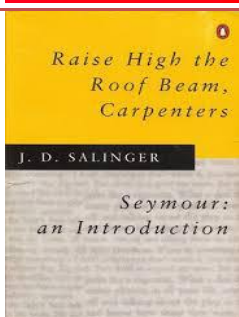
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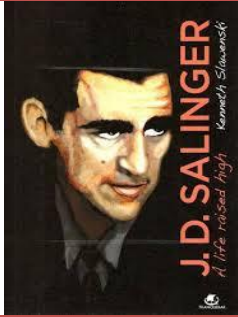


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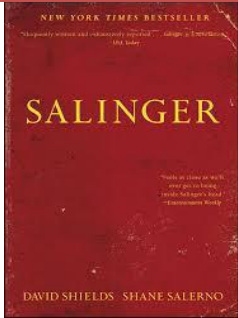
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