

APPENDICES

Summary of *The Catcher in the Rye*

The story is about a seventeen-year-old boy named Holden Caulfield. He studies in Pencey Prep school in Agerstown, Pennsylvania. Later he drops out from Pencey Prep School because he fails almost all the subjects, except English. Actually, he does not like being surrounded by phonies.

Holden is supposed to return home to Manhattan. Before returning home, he visits his history teacher, Mr. Spencer to say good bye. After a long conversation with Mr. Spencer, he goes back to his dorm and unfortunately he has a fight with his roommate, Stradlater. Later, instead of going home, he decides to stay in a hotel. He feels bored so he goes to the Lavender room, a bar downstairs. He orders alcoholic drinks but the waiter realizes his being a minor and refuses to take the order, so he ends up ordering coke. After dancing and having some conversation with women, he goes back to his room to take his coat and calls a cab to go to Earnie's night club in Greenwich Village.

In Earnie's, everyone can order alcoholic drinks, even a minor. After having alcoholic drinks, he goes back to the hotel. In the hotel's elevator, the elevator's guy offers to send a girl to his room and he agrees. A girl comes to Holden's room and she is ready to do her job. Suddenly he is not in the mood and tells the girl to go, but he still pays her. Unfortunately, Maurice the elevator guy

comes to Holden's room and says that he only pays half of the agreement, and Holden gets hit by Maurice.

On the next day he decides to call his former girlfriend, Sally Hayes to meet up with him. After spending his day with Sally, Holden goes to see Phoebe, his little sister. He spends the rest of the day with Phoebe. He ends up getting sick and gets treatment from a psychoanalyst.

Biography of J.D. Salinger

Jerome David Salinger, also known as J.D. Salinger, was an American writer. He was born in New York City on 1st January 1919. His mother, Marie Jillich, was of Scotch Irish decent and his father, Sol Salinger, was Jewish. He has an elder sister named Doris. He attended a public school on the upper side in Manhattan. He graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pennsylvania in 1936.

While at the Valley Forge Military Academy Salinger began writing short stories under the blanket by using flashlight. He started his freshman year at New York University but dropped out on the following spring. After that he attended Ursinus College and again he dropped out after one semester. Salinger attends writing course taught by Whit Burnett at Columbia University and his writing was first published in the magazine- April 1940 issue. In 1942, Salinger was drafted in the U.S. army and discharge from the army in 1946. He returned to New York and continued writing short stories.

Salinger's only novel is *The Catcher in the Rye (1951)*, of which the protagonist is Holden Caulfield, who symbolizes the growing pains of generation

of high school and college students. Salinger's other works are in the form of short stories. Some of them are *Nine Stories* (1953), *Franny and Zooey* (1961), *Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction* (1963), *Fifty Great Short Stories* (1952), *Short Story Masterpieces* (1954), and "Perfect Day for Banana Fish" (1948).

At the age of 36, Salinger married Claire Douglas and had two children Margaret and Matthew. Unfortunately Salinger and Claire got divorced in 1966. After that, at the age of 53 he had a relationship with Joyce Maynard. Finally his last wife was Colleen O'Neil. He died at the age of 91 on 27th January 2010 because of natural causes.

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