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*Includes a Bibliography of Salinger's works.

*Analyzes *The Catcher in the Rye* and Salinger's literary career.

*Includes a Table of Contents.

"I love to write and I assure you I write regularly...But I write for myself, for my own pleasure. And I want to be left alone to do it." – J.D. Salinger

A lot of ink has been spilled covering the lives of history's most influential figures, but how much of the forest is lost for the trees? In Charles River Editors' American Legends series, readers can get caught up to speed on the lives of America's most important men and women in the time it takes to finish a commute, while learning interesting facts long forgotten or never known.

J.D. Salinger might have been one of America's greatest 20th century authors, but only he knows for sure. As a young adult, Salinger wrote a number of short stories that were published during the 1940s in *Story* magazine, and his story "A Perfect Day for Bananafish" appeared in *The New Yorker* magazine to wide praise. Salinger followed that up with his most famous work, the 1951 novel *The Catcher in the Rye*, which was popular among adults and adolescents alike.

Regardless of whether Salinger was one of the 20th century's greatest authors, he was certainly one of the most unique. In the aftermath of his novel's incredible success, Salinger became steadily more reclusive, publishing less and less in the 1950s until he disappeared entirely from the public eye for the last 40 years of his life. Salinger was rarely heard from, except for when he was filing lawsuits alleging copyright infringement to protect his work, and in one of his few statements, he stated, "There is a marvelous peace in not publishing...I pay for this kind of attitude. I'm known as a strange, aloof kind of man. But all I'm doing is trying to protect myself and my work."

By all accounts, including his own statements, Salinger continued to write for himself throughout the decades until his death from natural causes in 2010. As the reclusive author himself noted, "I like to write. I live to write. But I write just for myself and my own pleasure. ... I don't necessarily intend to publish posthumously, but I do like to write for myself."

Naturally, Salinger's reclusive nature has added a mystique to the man and his work, as people continue to pore over *The Catcher in the Rye* and its author's life, even though Salinger himself described Holden Caulfield as "only a frozen moment in time." In an ironic sense, Salinger's desire to be left alone has only made him more intriguing, giving fans and interested people even more motivation to discover more about him. In *American Legends: The Life of J.D. Salinger*, which includes an annotated bibliography of Salinger's published works, you will learn about Salinger like you never have before, in no time at all.

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