

J. D. Salinger: A Life. 464 pages. 2011. 9780679604792. Kenneth Slawenski. Random House Publishing Group, 2011

Praise for J. D. Salinger: A Life "Startling . . . insightful . . . [a] terrific literary biography." USA Today. "It is unlikely that any author will do a better job than Mr. Slawenski capturing the glory of Salinger's life." The Wall Street Journal "Slawenski fills in a great deal and connects the dots assiduously; it's unlikely that any future writer will uncover much more about Salinger than he has done." Boston Sunday Globe "Offers perhaps the best chance we have. to get behind the myth and find the man." Newsday "Slawenski has greatly fleshed out and pinned down an elusive story with pr Salinger's family life was further marked by discord after his first child was born; according to Margaret's book, Claire felt that her daughter had replaced her in Salinger's affections.[91] The infant Margaret was sick much of the time, but Salinger, having embraced Christian Science, refused to take her to a doctor.[92] According to Margaret, her mother admitted to. In Salinger's novel, Caulfield is 16, wandering the streets of New York after being expelled from private school; the California book features a 76-year-old man, "Mr. C", musing on having escaped his nursing home. Salinger's New York literary agent Phyllis Westberg told Britain's Sunday Telegraph, "The matter has been turned over to a lawyer". J. D. Salinger book. Read 174 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. NATIONAL BESTSELLER One of the most popular and mysterious figures i... Goodreads helps you keep track of books you want to read. Start by marking J. D. Salinger: A Life as Want to Read: Want to Read saving! Want to Read. Currently Reading. Read. Other editions. Enlarge cover. Childhood & Early Life. Jerome David Salinger was born to a Jewish cheese-seller, Sol, and his Irish wife, Marie Jillich, in New York City, on January 1, 1919. The family, along with Jerome's older sibling, Doris, lived in Manhattan. In 1932, the family took up residence in Park Avenue, New York City, where Jerome began attending the 'McBurney School'. Two years later, Salinger's last book, 'Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction', was released by 'Little, Brown and Company'. In 1963, the year of its publication, it was named one of the top three best-sellers in the U.S., by news magazine 'Publishers Weekly'. Jerome's last literary work, a novella called 'Hapworth 16, 1924', was published by 'The New Yorker' magazine. Still, Slawenski's life of Salinger makes at least speculative sense of a seemingly unknowable story, one that has beguiled readers for more than 50 years. That alone makes his book must reading. Praise from the U.K. for Salinger: A Life "A first-rate book which is especially good on the links between Salinger's fictions and their thematic developments. . . The passages on Salinger's own war show that Slawenski can be an excellent storyteller himself, as he follows his subject through the thick of the horrors from D-Day to the Battle of the Bulge." The Daily Telegraph "A welcome trove of information.