

## **JD Salinger**

**Born in NYC in 1919 –Died in 2010**

**Jewish father and Catholic mother- this conflict caused him stress- successful pressures**

**Father was meat/cheese importer and wanted “Sonny” to follow in his footsteps.**

**He was kicked out of quite a few boarding schools**

**Went to military academy in Pennsylvania –he loved the military**

**Spent some time at NYU- left and went to a small, unknown school**

**Audited writing courses at Columbia**

**His first story “The Young Folks” was published in Story mag. in 1940**

**Went to WWII-he developed a strong aversion to war.**

**Catcher published in 1951-book of the month**

**Published 35 stories between 1940 and 1965**

**In the early 60s he became more and more reclusive**

**Has not published since 1965**

**Wrote every day and has a vault of material**

**Color coded for publication**

**He gives no interviews-after 1972 school newspaper**

**He has sued to keep his life private**