

# 《J. D. SALINGER ( ISBN=9781400069514 ) 》

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## 内容简介

One of the most popular and mysterious figures in American literary history, J. D. Salinger eluded fans and journalists for most of his life. Now comes a new biography that Peter Ackroyd in *The Times* of London calls “energetic and magnificently researched”—a book from which “a true picture of Salinger emerges.” Filled with new information and revelations—garnered from countless interviews, letters, and public records—J. D. Salinger presents an extraordinary life that spanned nearly the entire twentieth century.

Kenneth Slawenski explores Salinger’s privileged youth, long obscured by misrepresentation and rumor, revealing the brilliant, sarcastic, vulnerable son of a disapproving father and doting mother and his entrance into a social world where Gloria Vanderbilt dismissively referred to him as “a Jewish boy from New York.” Here too are accounts of Salinger’s first broken heart—Eugene O’Neill’s daughter, Oona, left him for the much older Charlie Chaplin—and the devastating World War II service (“a living hell”) of which he never spoke and which haunted him forever.

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Whether it’s revealing the facts of his hasty, short-lived first marriage or his lifelong commitment to Eastern religion, which would dictate his attitudes toward sex, nutrition, solitude, and creativity, J. D. Salinger is this unique author’s unforgettable story in full—one that no lover of literature can afford to miss.

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## 作者简介

Kenneth Slawenski is the creator of [DeadCaulfields.com](#), a website founded in 2004 and recommended by *The New York Times*. He has been working on this biography for eight years. Slawenski was born in New Jersey, and has lived there all his life.

## 媒体评论

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. Partly through exhaustive biographical research (especially into the early years) and partly through porings over almost unknown, uncollected stories, Slawenski thrillingly illuminates what turned Salinger into an extraordinary literary phenomenon. ” —The Sunday Times

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