

Jerome David Salinger

Vocabulary

- adolescent — підліток
- fancy — вишукана
- invasion — вторгнення
- liberation — звільнення
- prep — середня школа
- reclusive — затворницький
- remote — віддалений
- troop — загін
- urban — міський
- walkabout — прогулянка

Read the text and answer the questions.

Jerome David Salinger wrote *The Catcher in the Rye* (Над пропастью во ржи), the classic 20th century novel of disaffected youth. Salinger started publishing short stories in the 1940 s, in magazines like the *Saturday Evening Post*, *Colliers* and, especially, the *New Yorker*. *The Catcher In the Rye* was published in 1951, became a bestseller and remains a favourite of high school and college students. The book tells the tale of Holden Caulfield, a troubled adolescent who leaves his fancy prep school for an urban walkabout. Always a private man, Salinger became increasingly reclusive throughout the 1950s and eventually stopped making public appearances or statements of any kind. He retreated to his remote home in Cornish, New Hampshire, refused requests for interviews, and did not publish after 1965 — though he reportedly continued to write into the 21st century. He died of natural causes in 2010.

Salinger served in the U.S. Army in World War II and participated in the DDay invasion of Nazi Europe of 6 June 1944 landing at Utah Beach. He was among the first troops to enter Paris on the day of its liberation where he meets and befriends Ernest Hemingway. He married Claire Douglas, a student at Radcliffe, in 1955. They had two children, Margaret Ann (b. 1955) and Matthew (b. 1960), and were divorced in 1965 ... Salinger had a love affair with author Joyce Maynard in the early 1970 s, which Maynard described in her 1998 memoir *At Home In the World*. She auctioned her personal letters from Salinger for nearly \$160, 000 in 1999 ... Salinger attended Valley

Forge Military Academy from 1934–36; it is generally considered to be the model for the school Pencey Prep in *The Catcher In the Rye*.

1. What is J. D. Salinger famous for?
2. What is the book about?
3. Was Salinger a publicity man?
4. Did he participate in World War II?
5. Where did he meet Ernest Hemingway?
6. Did he have a family and children?