



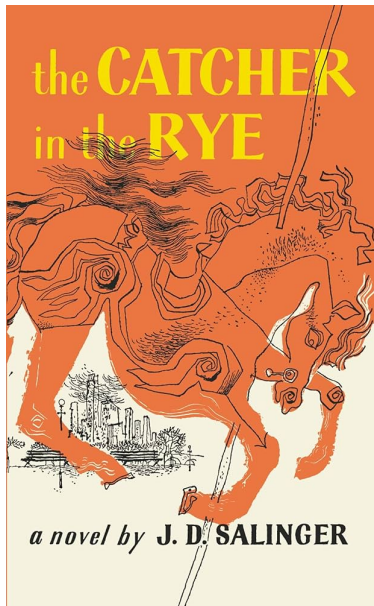
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Book Talk

The Catcher in the Rye

by J. D. Salinger

Number of pages: 277



J. D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye* is widely considered a classic for the ages. Teenage protagonist, Holden Caulfield, narrates his experiences, shortly after being expelled from prep school. As he travels through New York City, we join him in an introspective journey on what it means to grow up and find one's place in the world.

If you like modern coming-of-age novels such as Stephen Chbosky's *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, or the more mature *Stoner* by John Williams, you might enjoy this book.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you find Holden likeable, and do you feel sympathetic towards him?
2. What do you think Holden's relationships with his family and friends suggest about him?

3. Were there any thoughts or opinions that Holden expressed, which particularly resonated with you?

4. Why do you think Holden hates 'phonies' so much?

5. ***The Catcher in the Rye*** is often described as being an honest representation of the 'teenage experience'. Do you agree with this?

Thank you to our volunteer, Caitlin, for choosing this title and creating the resource.