J.D. Salinger's The Catcher In The Rye

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Book Review: J.D. Salinger's 'The Catcher in the Rye' WKAR Feb 2, 2015. J.D. Salinger's study of teenage rebellion remains one of the most sharply drawn of its kind. His novel is a coming-of-age story about a young man struggling to find his place in a world that seems to have lost its way.

The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger, published by Little, Brown in 1951, is a classic of American literature. It is the story of Holden Caulfield, a 16-year-old Prep School student who is expelled from his school and returns to New York City to spend a few days before going home. Holden is a complex and flawed character, and his struggle to make sense of the world around him is central to the novel.

The novel is narrated by Holden, who is both self-aware and self-deprecating. He is a killjoy, a rebel, and a misfit, and his thoughts and actions are often at odds with those of the adult world. Holden is a symbol of the alienation that many young people feel in a world that seems to be moving too fast.

The Catcher in the Rye is a powerful and enduring work of fiction. It has been praised for its honesty, its vivid characters, and its insight into the human condition. It is a book that has resonated with readers of all ages, and it has become a touchstone for anyone who has ever felt like an outsider.