The Catcher In The Rye: A Reader's Guide To The J.D. Salinger Novel
**Synopsis**

Few novels have affected readers (especially young people) like J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*. With this new guide, you will have an even greater understanding of the book. Included in this guide: a biography of author J.D. Salinger, a look at the book's context, its literary elements, detailed chapter summaries, analysis, and suggestions for essays. This is the definitive guide to *The Catcher in the Rye*, concise, easy to understand, and guaranteed to add to your enjoyment of this classic story.

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**Customer Reviews**

I first read this book sixty years ago and my recent reaction was completely different. As a teenager I was shocked by the language and that was about all that I remembered. I also missed the fact that he was in a mental institution talking to a psychoanalyst. In short, I didn’t get it at all. This time I loved ol’ Caulfield. Apart from being mixed up and needing to get his act together, he’s the neatest kid in the world. Watch the news on TV a while. Everyone IS a moron. And when is the last time any of us has had an interesting face to face conversation? I was stunned at how contemporary this book seems and (for good or for ill) how engagingly authentic the teenage voice sounds. If you are like me and read this book ages ago, read it again and see if your reaction is different now.

All fans of Holden Caulfield need this. It is the quintessential guide to our favorite misunderstood teen. Everything you want to know about him and his new york journey are answered. If you are a student this is necessary reading. All you need to get to know Holden
This essay is for people who have not read The Catcher in the Rye because most of what is offered is obvious after a single reading. Read the book instead.

This was very helpful in understanding some of the symbolism in the book.

First time reviewing something like this. I liked this book it touches my heart on how teenagers are still somewhat nice and not evil...

Nice compliment to the full novel.

This is a helpful summary and deconstruction of the classic coming of age novel by J.D. Salinger for those of us who read the novel many years ago and don’t care to reread it in its entirety.

While today’s young people share the same coming of age problems they have more options in dealing with them. Imagine a world with no cell phones; no internet or tweeting; not even any television. Cigarettes are going out of style, but not drugs. So many things!!! It makes this like a portrait of a young man.

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