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About the Author

John Cheever, best known for his short stories dealing with upper-middle-class suburban life, was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, in 1912. Cheever published his first short story at the age of seventeen. He was the recipient of a 1951 Guggenheim Fellowship and winner of a National Book Award for *The Wapshot Chronicle* in 1958, the 1979 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for *The Stories of John Cheever*, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and an American Book Award. He died in 1982, at the age of seventy.

Blake Bailey is the author of biographies of John Cheever, Richard Yates, and Charles Jackson and is the authorized biographer of Philip Roth. He lives in Virginia, where he is the Mina Hohenberg Darden Professor of Creative Writing at Old Dominion University.

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