Catcher in the Rye book review

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Summary

The Catcher in the Rye is an encapsulating journey through the life of a rebel teen named Holden Caulfield. Holden is not a normal kid. I mean heck, he’s not a psycho or anything, he is just constantly on the mentally opposite ideas from your average teen. Holden flees his college, and goes on a journey through the streets of New York City. He experiences many life lessons and things to take away from his experience. The Catcher in the Rye is an extremely insightful book, relating to the ideas and perspective of an interesting boy.
Strengths and weaknesses

The weaknesses of the Catcher in the Rye significantly outweighed it’s strengths. The Catcher in the Rye was insightful and very informative into the life of this stray minded teenager. The vocabulary had a good balance between advanced and basic words. You learned how other people think on things you view completely different. However, the book was very slow-paced, and even boring. The events progressed in a way that made you think something big would happen, but then it never does. More twists and shocks would create an interesting dialogue, and would have kept me reading for hours.
Personal Experience

The Catcher in the Rye is very relatable. Especially someone who is or has been a teenager before. We all went through a stage where we felt independent and rebellious, the early years, when we thought we knew it all. Holden’s perspective is easy to relate to, and his judgement is accurate to that of a teen. Being the same age, it was very impactful book, and I could understand how he reacts, where if I was an adult I probably wouldn’t.
My Opinion

I would only recommend this book to someone who can be entertained by a slow moving plotline. The book never ignites a spark, or fluster in the reader’s mind. I didn’t enjoy the book that much, again I was waiting for something exciting to happen, but was disappointed every time. If the book had a twist or anything exciting, I would have enjoyed it.
Audience

If you are a reader who is satisfied with nonfiction, and enjoy a slow read, The Catcher in the Rye is the book for you. I would not read this book if you are easily bored, or enjoy a fast exciting plot. Teens that struggle with fitting in, or just think differently would enjoy relating to Holden Caulfield in The Catcher in the Rye. This book is like a non-fantasy version of the movie Elf. Elf is a great movie, but The Catcher in the Rye is lacking the enjoyable fantasy provided in the movie Elf.