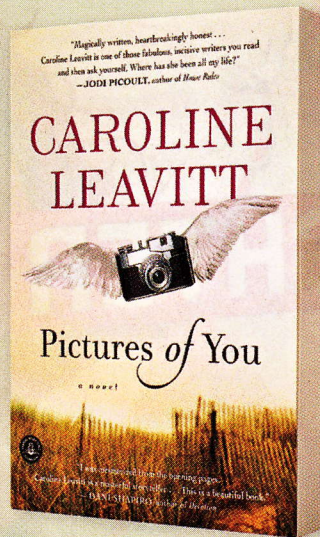


## FROM OUR CONTRIBUTORS

In Caroline Leavitt's new novel *Pictures of You*, a mysterious crash on a foggy highway forever alters two families' lives.



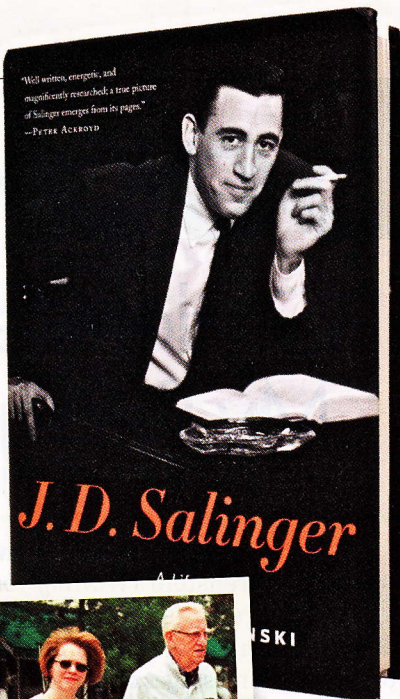
# J.D. Salinger

by *Kenneth Slawenski* | ★★★★★

REVIEWED BY MEREDITH MARAN

### BIOGRAPHY

Almost as famous for his reclusiveness as for his writing, the author of *The Catcher in the Rye* wasn't much for self-disclosure. A year after his death, this well-researched biography helps shed light, and it's not always pretty. Slawenski describes a man convinced of his superiority—to the editors who “butchered” his work, to the fans who stalked his rural home. Like his professional relationships, his love life was tumultuous. He dated Charlie Chaplin's future wife Oona before marrying three times and having two children. By the time he died at 91, Salinger's son described his father as having been “in the world but not of it.” *J.D. Salinger* is an invaluable contribution to our knowledge of the man, his demons and the literary legacy that was his most unselfish gift.



◀ **Salinger's third wife, Colleen O'Neill, a nurse (with him in '98) was 40 years his junior.**