

Short summaries of each author

Stephen King

Stephen King is one of the most influential "New York Times Bestseller" horror novelist. He wrote books such as *Carrie*, *The Shining*, and *IT*. *Carrie* is his first novel and his bestseller, which devoted himself to become a full time novelist. Most of his novels were adapted for movies and TV. He was born on September 21, 1947 in Portland, Maine. He became interested in writing when he wrote for the student government newspaper. He also wrote his first short story, which appeared in *Starling Mystery Stories*. After graduating, he had difficulty finding a job as an English teacher. However, he still wouldn't give up and began to write in his spare time and work in a laundry. Late 1971, he finally found a position as an English teacher at Hampden Academy.

George Orwell

George Orwell was known as the author of the famous novel, *1984*. He was born in Motihari, India, on June 25, 1903. His real name was Eric Arthur Blair. He had an interest in writing at an early age due to having a "lonely habit of making up stories and talking to imaginary people". In other words, he's a loner. He lacked personality, wasn't very popular among peers, and was poor. Despite his background, he was very smart. At the age of 11, he wrote a successful poem that is published in the local newspaper. This event is part of his literary success.

Joan Didion

Joan Didion was one of the most graceful essayists. Not only she is an essayist, but she gained success from being a novelist. Born on December 5, 1934, she was following her dad, who is a World War II veteran, to military bases. After she finished college, she moved to New York for a job as a copywriter at Vogue magazine. Her interest in writing essays began when she wrote book and film reviews.