“The best thing, though, in that museum was that everything always stayed right where it was. Nobody'd move. You could go there a hundred thousand times, and that Eskimo would still be just finished catching those two fish, the birds would still be on their way south, the deers would still be drinking out of that water hole, with their pretty antlers and they're pretty, skinny legs, and that squaw with the naked bosom would still be weaving that same blanket. Nobody's be different. The only thing that would be different would be you. Not that you'd be so much older or anything. It wouldn't be that, exactly. You'd just be different, that's all. You'd have an overcoat this time. Or the kid that was your partner in line the last time had got scarlet fever and you'd have a new partner. Or you'd have a substitute taking the class, instead of Miss Aigletinger. Or you'd heard your mother and father having a terrific fight in the bathroom. Or you'd just passed by one of those puddles in the street with gasoline rainbows in them. I mean you'd be different in some way—I can't explain what I mean. And even if I could, I'm not sure I'd feel like it.”

― [J.D. Salinger](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/819789.J_D_Salinger), [*The Catcher in the Rye*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/3036731), p.121

“Among other things, you'll find that you're not the first person who was ever confused and frightened and even sickened by human behavior. You're by no means alone on that score, you'll be excited and stimulated to know. Many, many men have been just as troubled morally and spiritually as you are right now. Happily, some of them kept records of their troubles. You'll learn from them—if you want to. Just as someday, if you have something to offer, someone will learn something from you. It's a beautiful reciprocal arrangement. And it isn't education. It's history. It's poetry.”

― [J.D. Salinger](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/819789.J_D_Salinger), [*The Catcher in the Rye*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/3036731), p.189

“Anyway, I keep picturing all these little kids playing some game in this big field of rye and all. Thousands of little kids, and nobody's around - nobody big, I mean - except me. And I'm standing on the edge of some crazy cliff. What I have to do, I have to catch everybody if they start to go over the cliff - I mean if they're running and they don't look where they're going I have to come out from somewhere and catch them. That's all I do all day. I'd just be the catcher in the rye and all. I know it's crazy, but that's the only thing I'd really like to be.”

― [J.D. Salinger](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/819789.J_D_Salinger), [*The Catcher in the Rye*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/3036731), p.173

“What really knocks me out is a book that, when you're all done reading it, you wish the author that wrote it was a terrific friend of yours and you could call him up on the phone whenever you felt like it. That doesn't happen much, though.”

― [J.D. Salinger](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/819789.J_D_Salinger), [*The Catcher in the Rye*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/3036731), p. 18

“That's the thing about girls. Every time they do something pretty, even if they're not much to look at, or even if they're sort of stupid, you fall in love with them, and then you never know where the hell you are. Girls. Jesus Christ. They can drive you crazy. They really can.”

― [J.D. Salinger](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/819789.J_D_Salinger), [*The Catcher in the Rye*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/3036731), p.73

“When you're dead, they really fix you up. I hope to hell when I do die somebody has sense enough to just dump me in the river or something. Anything except sticking me in a goddam cemetery. People coming and putting a bunch of flowers on your stomach on Sunday, and all that crap. Who wants flowers when you're dead? Nobody.”

― [J.D. Salinger](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/819789.J_D_Salinger), [*The Catcher in the Rye*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/3036731), p. 155

“This fall I think you're riding for—it's a special kind of fall, a horrible kind. The man falling isn't permitted to feel or hear himself hit bottom. He just keeps falling and falling. The whole arrangement's designed for men who, at some time or other in their lives, were looking for something their own environment couldn't supply them with. Or they thought their own environment couldn't supply them with. So they gave up looking. They gave it up before they ever really even got started.”

― [J.D. Salinger](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/819789.J_D_Salinger), [*The Catcher in the Rye*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/3036731), p.187

“Something else an academic education will do for you. If you go along with it any considerable distance, it’ll begin to give you an idea what size mind you have. What it’ll fit and, maybe what it won’t. After a while, you’ll have an idea what kind of thoughts your particular size mind should be wearing. For one thing, it may save you an extraordinary amount of time trying on ideas that don’t suit you, aren’t becoming to you. You’ll begin to know your true measurements and dress your mind accordingly.” ― [J.D. Salinger](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/819789.J_D_Salinger), [*The Catcher in the Rye*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/3036731), p.190

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