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*It is the Holy Spirit Who Offers the Sacrifice*
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An Annotated Bibliography (1982-2016) of Works Published About J. D. Salinger

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“Weaver's study not only invites scholars to see Salinger in new literary-historical contexts, but also in an international frame. After reviewing this work, I have come away with a new sense of the trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific significance of Salinger's work. In this way, this manuscript contributes to one of the most urgent tasks of twenty-first century American literary studies—disrupting the parochial and nationalistic frames through which we too often evaluate US authors. Weaver's review of Salinger criticism reminds us that by widening out lens, we see both...
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A Novelistic History
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Pages: 260

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