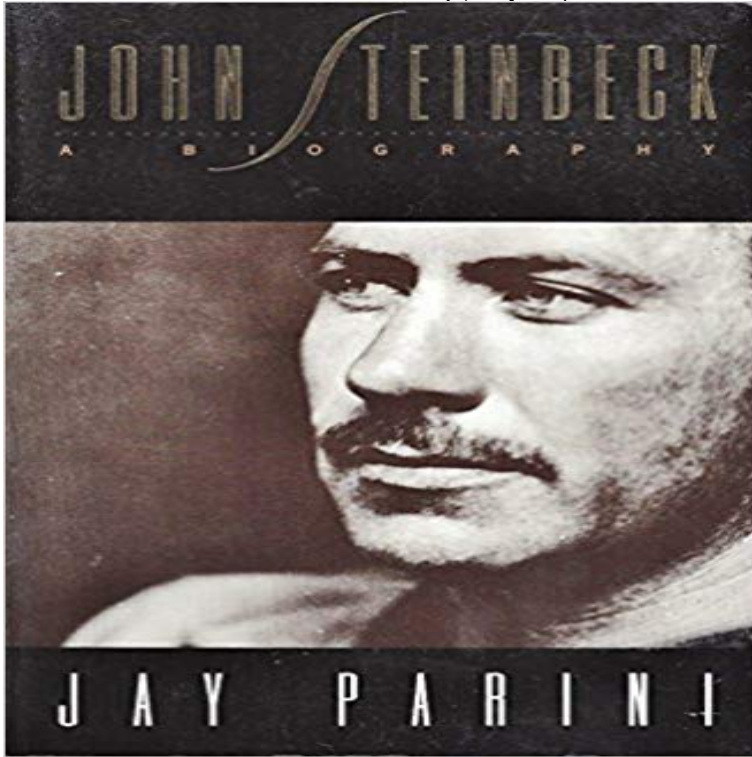


# John Steinbeck: A Biography



John Steinbeck was born in a small town in northern California in 1902, and his career mirrors the highs and lows of the 20th century. A difficult relationship with his parents, his turbulent married life and his often tempestuous friendships with celebrated writers, entertainers, intellectuals and politicians, all played their part in the creation of some of the century's greatest works of fiction. This biography by Jay Parini offers a portrait of a driven and difficult man. Parini is an American poet and novelist whose previous books include a biographical study of the poet Theodore Roethke which was shortlisted for a Pulitzer Prize in 1979.

Jackson J. Benson teaches American Literature at San Diego State University. His biography, *The True Adventures of John Steinbeck, Writer*, won the PEN USA Steinbeck won the Nobel Prize in 1962 for his exceptional and enduring book, *The Grapes of Wrath* (1940), along with his other numerous novels and short stories. His relatively uncomplicated life story is told plainly here, with some analysis of his influences and psychology.

**Early life.** Steinbeck was born on February 27, 1902, in Salinas, California. His father, John Ernst Steinbeck (1862-1935), served as Monterey County treasurer. John's mother, Olive Hamilton (1867-1934), a former school teacher, shared Steinbeck's passion for reading and writing.

**John Steinbeck (1902-1968),** born in Salinas, California, came from a family of farmers. This autobiography/biography was written at the time of the award and first John Steinbeck was the type of author who liked to know his material firsthand. He was not content to narrate a story which had no basis in fact. Thus, many of his works are based on his own experiences.

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