
A Separate Peace

Introduction

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About the Author

At the age of 34, John Knowles had already succeeded in publishing a highly popular novel, A Separate Peace. At the age of 15, he left his hometown to study at Phillips Exeter Academy. After graduation he entered Yale University, received his B.A, and was already well on his way to success.

“Exposing a sincere emotion nakedly like that at the Devon School was the next thing to suicide”
(Knowles 41).

Setting

- n *A Separate Peace* is set at Devon Prep School during the course of the early years of World War. Devon Prep School is based on Phillips Exeter Academy.
 - n “Around it sprang up large, sloppy statues, easily modeled because of snow’s dampness” (Knowles 131).
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Synopsis

A Separate Peace is set in World War II at a boy's boarding school in New England. The story revolves around two students, one with a ingenious brain and the other with ingenious muscle development. Best friends, Gene and Finny, go through a series of events that test their friendship and reveals their loss of innocence.

- “As we drifted on through the summer, with this one inflexible appointment every day-classes could be cut, meals missed, chapel skipped-” (Knowles 27).
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Character List

- n **Gene Forrester-** Sixteen-year old narrator who tells of his experiences at a prep school
 - n **Phineas (Finny)-** Gene's best friend and roommate and proves to be the best athlete at the school
 - n **Brinker Hadley-** A leader of the class and the person who led a trial against Gene
 - n **Leper (Elwin Lepellier)-**First student from school to enlist in the armed service
 - n **Chet Douglass-** Student at Devon Prep School
 - n **Bobby Zane-** Student at Devon Prep School
 - n **Quackenbush-** Student at Devon Prep School
 - n **Mr. Prud'homme-** Teacher at Devon Prep School
 - n **Mr. Patch-Withers-** Teacher at Devon Prep School
 - n **Mr. Ludsbury-** Teacher at Devon Prep School
 - n **Dr. Stanpole-** Doctor who treats Finny's leg
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Questions?

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