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About the Author

VLADIMIR NABOKOV studied French and Russian literature at Trinity College, Cambridge, then lived in Berlin and Paris, writing prolifically in Russian under the pseudonym Sirin. In 1940, he left France for America, where he wrote some of his greatest works, including *Lolita* (1955) and *Pnin* (1957), while also teaching at Wellesley, Harvard, and Cornell. After returning to Europe in 1959, he wrote *Pale Fire* (1962) and *Ada* (1969) and translated his earlier Russian novels, stories and poems into English. He died in Switzerland in 1977.

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