



“What’s true of all the evils in the world is true of plague as well. It helps men to rise above themselves.”

—Albert Camus, *The Plague*, 1947



Albert Camus was born on November 7, 1913, in Algeria, which was under French control at the time. In school, Camus took an interest in philosophy, literature, and politics. During World War II, when Nazi Germany occupied France, he joined the resistance movement. He wrote politically-charged newspaper columns during and after the war. Later, Camus explored his love of theater as a producer and playwright. Camus is best known for his absurdist literature, including *The Stranger* (1942) and *The Plague* (1947), in which he explores morality, despair, and salvation. He received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1957 and died in a car accident three years later.



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