

**"Ideas are like rabbits.** 

You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen."

—John Steinbeck



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was born on February 27, 1902, in Salinas, California, an agricultural community. Once a manual laborer himself, Steinbeck wrote insightful examinations of the social and economic issues faced by lower and middle-class American workers during the Great Depression. He started writing at a young age and produced many great works. However, he is best known for his 1937 novella *Of Mice and Men*, in addition to his 1939 novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*, for which he won a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award. Six years before his death in December 1968, Steinbeck was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

