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“O’Hara understood better than any other American writer how class can both reveal and shape character.... [His] genius was in his unerring precision in capturing the speech and the milieus of his characters, whether the setting was Pennsylvania, Hollywood, or New York.” —**Fran Lebowitz**

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“An author I love is John O’Hara. . . . I think he’s been forgotten by time, but for dialogue lovers, he’s a goldmine of inspiration.” —**Douglas Coupland, *Shelf Awareness***

“One of the great novels of New York in the Depression . . . [O’Hara’s] novels of the mid-thirties are his classics, and they deserve to be much more famous than they are.” —**Lorin Stein, editor of *The Paris Review*, from the Introduction**

### About the Author

**John O’Hara** (1905–1970) (1905-1970) was one of the most prominent American writers of the twentieth century. Championed by Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Dorothy Parker, he wrote seventeen novels, including *Appointment in Samarra*, his first; *BUtterfield 8*, which was made into a film starring Elizabeth Taylor; *Pal Joey*, which was adapted into a Broadway musical as well as a film starring Frank Sinatra; and *Ten North Frederick*, which won the National Book Award. He has had more stories published in *The New Yorker* than anyone else in the history of the magazine. Born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, he lived for many years in New York and in Princeton, New Jersey, where he died.

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