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About the Author

Born in Algeria in 1913, **Albert Camus** published *The Stranger*—now one of the most widely read novels of this century—in 1942. Celebrated in intellectual circles, Camus was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1957. On January 4, 1960, he was killed in a car accident.

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