

Two Voices

FROM FIRST PARAGRAPHS

Language and Character

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
by Mark Twain (1884)

You don't know me without you have read a book by the name of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," but that ain't know matter. That book was made by Mr. Mark Twain, and he told the truth, mainly. There was things which he stretched, but mainly he told the truth.

– Huck Finn

The Catcher in the Rye
by J. D. Salinger (1951)

If you really want to hear about it, the first thing you'll probably want to know is where I was born, and what my lousy childhood was like, and how my parents were occupied and all before they had me, and all that David Copperfield kind of crap, but I don't feel like going into it, if you want to know the truth.

– Holden Caulfield