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Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Few authors in history have been as innovative as Kurt Vonnegut. The unique life he has led has shaped his work and inspired some of the most offbeat concepts ever laid on the page. His distinct and unusual style and outlook have gained him both rabidly loyal fans and antagonistic critics. Originally received as a science fiction writer, over the last half century he has transgressed such boundaries to mock the shortcomings of modern American society.

Kurt Vonnegut Jr. was born on November 11, 1922 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He grew up there as well, thoroughly immersed in middle America, and the “loss of old Indianapolis ... and its way of life” would influence his work for a lifetime as he watch “noble in spite of racism, pretentiousness, and abuse and neglect of the poor” slowly but steadily degrade into a “racist, pretentious, exploitative vulgarity” (Brennan 972).

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