

## **On the Road**

**Jack Kerouac**

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Taking place in the late 1940s, it is the story of life on the road for Sal Paradise, a newly divorced man, and Dean Moriarty, a wild and reckless boy. The pair, along with other secondary characters, travel to and from the west, romanticized by its wild promises. They are living without restrictions and without worries, although the two are different in how they think, and they make promises they cannot keep. They, in the end, become different people, but their journeys shape them, particularly Sal, into different people from when it first started.

This book is, while not the most attention-grabbing, an important piece of literature. It emphasizes conformity, youth, and brings to light the time period the characters reside in. I had to read it for school, as it was required, and while it was a book that got boring at times to me, it is not a hard read. I would recommend this to teenagers in high school and older.

### **Recommended Titles**

The Dharma Bums by Jack Kerouac

Around the World in 72 Days by Nellie Bly