



Albert Camus, born November 7, 1913 in Algeria, and killed at the age of 46 in a road accident, is a French writer, philosopher, novelist, playwright, and essayist. He is also a militant journalist engaged in the French Resistance and close to the libertarian currents in the moral battles of the post-war period.

In his works he develops a humanism based on the awareness of the absurd of the human condition but also on revolt as a response to the absurd, revolt that leads to action and gives meaning to the world and to existence, and «then comes the strange joy that helps to live and die». He received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1957. *The Outsider (Stranger)* his first novel, published in 1942, is ranked 1st in the French list established in 1999 of the 100 best books of the twentieth century. Camus describes the life of an office worker in Algiers who behaves as if his life did not make any sense. On trial after a murder, Meursault appears to his judges as inhuman, a stranger.

This novel is the greatest success of Camus. It has been translated into 60 languages and sold more than 7 million copies worldwide.