

Robert Lowell



The most celebrated and ambitious American poet of his era, Robert Lowell transformed the particulars of his prominent New England family's background and turbulent private life into controversial art. Lowell's book *Life Studies* (1959), which reveals his struggles with madness, alcohol, and marital infidelity, gave rise to the so-called "confessional" school. In subsequent works he explored political issues and historical figures while extending his experiments in verse technique.