Cormac McCarthy was born in 1933 and grew up in Southern California. He was the son of a professor and a college librarian. McCarthy first came to prominence as a writer in the 1960s with the publication of his first novel, *The Orchard Keeper*. McCarthy's work is characterized by its violent and explicit content, as well as its intricate plotting and complex characters. His writing style is often praised for its precision and detail. McCarthy has won several literary awards, including the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. He is best known for his Western novels, but has also written plays, essays, and short stories. McCarthy's work has been translated into numerous languages and is widely read around the world. McCarthy died in 2008 at the age of 75. His legacy continues to be celebrated and his work remains popular among readers and scholars alike.