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**Cheever Blake Bailey**  
Blake Bailey is the author of biographies of John Cheever, Richard Yates, and Charles Jackson, and he is at work on the authorized biography of Philip Roth. He is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and an Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters; the winner of a National Book Critics Circle Award and the Francis Parkman Prize; and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

**Cheever by Blake Bailey - Goodreads**  
Blake Bailey is the editor of a two-volume edition of Cheever’s work, published in 2009 by The Library of America.His last book, A Tragic Honesty, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. He received a Guggenheim fellowship in 2005, and his articles and reviews have appeared in Slate, The New York Times, the New York Observer, and elsewhere.

**Amazon.com: Cheever: A Life (9781400079681): Bailey, Blake ...**  
Blake Bailey wonders, on behalf of Cheever’s editor at Random House, how Cheever “could compress the material for four or five novels into 20-odd pages and yet not be able to complete a novel ...

**Cheever: A Life by Blake Bailey | Book review | Books ...**  
Blake Bailey’s Cheever: A Life, which was a finalist for the 2010 Pulitzer Prize in biography, is an exhaustive study of Cheever that explicates the gap between his public self and his private ...

**Cheever Analysis - eNotes.com**  
Written with unprecedented access to essential sources—including Cheever’s massive journal, only a fraction of which has ever been published—Blake Bailey’s biography reveals the troubled but strangely lovable man behind the disguises, an artist who delighted in the everyday radiance of the world while yearning, above all, “to be illustrious.”

**Summary and reviews of Cheever by Blake Bailey**  
By Blake Bailey. March 13, 2009: 1637-1912 ... Cheever invariably described his uncle as a “black-mouthed old wreck” or “monkey,” since their occasional meetings were not happy.

**‘Cheever: A Life,’ by Blake Bailey - The New York Times**  
Blake Bailey on John Cheever 1/3. John Updike: Books, Biography, Famous Works, Influences, Rabbit, Couples - Interview (2005) - Duration: 2:45:54. The Film Archives ...

**Blake Bailey on John Cheever (1/3)**  
Now, nearly two decades on, there is Cheever: A Life by Blake Bailey, previously the biographer of another suburban drunk, Richard Yates (a coincidence: before their move to Ossining, the Cheevers ...

**The demons that drove John Cheever | Biography books | The ...**  
master John Cheever, biographer Blake Bailey finds a haunting tale of mid-century homosexual self-loathing. By Charlotte Abbott. March 24 2009 12:00 AM EDT. Lionized as one of

**Cheever’s Demons: A Conversation With Blake Bailey**  
As Blake Bailey presents that life in his thorough and brilliantly researched biography, Cheever was born in 1912 in Quincy, Massachusetts, into a nouveau pauvre family disgraced forever (according to Cheever’s prickly male supremacist notions) by his mother’s having opened a gift shop.

**John Cheever’s Cruel Paradoxes | HuffPost**  
Blake Bailey is the editor of a two-volume edition of Cheever’s work, published in 2009 by The Library of America.His last book, A Tragic Honesty, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. He received a Guggenheim fellowship in 2005, and his articles and reviews have appeared in Slate, The New York Times, the New York Observer, and elsewhere.

**Cheever: A Life | IndieBound.org**  
With that in mind, the arrival of the new Cheever: A Life raises the question “What don’t we already know?”Blake Bailey’s exemplary 2003 biography A Tragic Honesty: The Life And Work Of Richard Yates more than recommends him as a chronicler of Cheever’s life. And what Bailey has done with his book isn’t a matter of unearthing fresh revelations, but of finally giving “the American ...

**Blake Bailey: Cheever: A Life**  
Blake Bailey (born July 1, 1963) is an American writer. Bailey is widely known for his literary biographies of John Cheever, Richard Yates, and Charles Jackson.He is the editor of the Library of America omnibus editions of Cheever's stories and novels.

**Blake Bailey - Wikipedia**  
After Blake Bailey published his biography of Richard Yates, A Tragic Honesty (2003), Cheever's son Ben suggested Bailey write an authoritative biography of Cheever. The book was published by Knopf on March 10, 2009 and won that year's National Book Critics Circle Award in Biography and the Francis Parkman Prize , and was a finalist for the Pulitzer and James Tait Black Memorial Prize .

**John Cheever - Wikipedia**  
Blake Bailey discusses this story with wit and close attention to its shifts of tone. Indeed, he seems to me as good an interpreter of Cheever’s stories and novels as I have read.

**Book Review | ‘Cheever: A Life,’ by Blake Bailey - The New ...**  
It’s an enlightening experience to read Blake Bailey’s biography, though not in the way I would have expected. Bailey is a fine writer and an obviously indefatigable researcher, but in terms of a general sense of Cheever’s life, there is not much in his book that you can’t get from Scott Donaldson’s John Cheever (1988).

**Cheever: A Life by Blake Bailey | LibraryThing**  
With Cheever: A Life, Blake Bailey has composed an outstanding and highly readable account of the life of one America’s foremost modern fiction writers.

**Cheever: A Life by Blake Bailey - PopMatters**  
Cheever’s childhood in Quincy, Massachusetts, was deeply unhappy. He was a high-school drop out. His first publications, sketches of local bleakness, appeared in small left-wing magazines in the ...

**Cheever: a lfe, By Blake Bailey | The Independent**  
Written with unprecedented access to essential sources—including Cheever’s massive journal, only a fraction of which has ever been published—Blake Bailey’s biography reveals the troubled but strangely lovable man behind the disguises, an artist who delighted in the everyday radiance of the world while yearning, above all, “to be illustrious.”Cheever’s was a soul in conflict: he was a proud ...

**Cheever (Sep 06, 2009 edition) | Open Library**  
Cheever should receive a much-needed accounting with the publication of a sympathetic and deeply engaging biography by Blake Bailey, who was widely praised for his 2003 biography of Richard Yates ...