

Robert Cormier

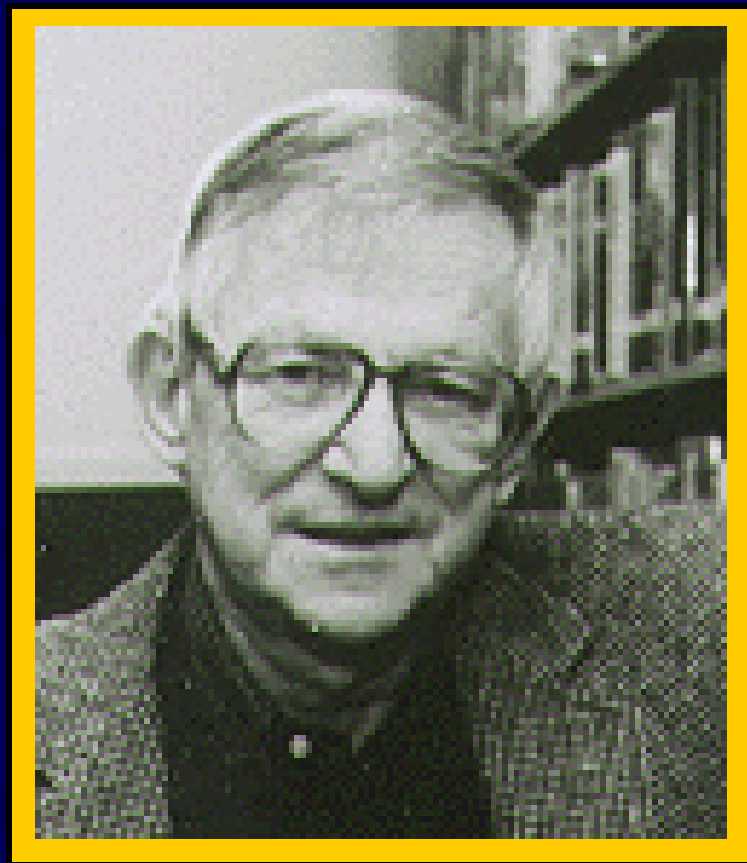
Author Presentation

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Background

- Born in 1925 in Massachusetts
- family provided haven
- nun changed his life
- attended Fitchburg State College

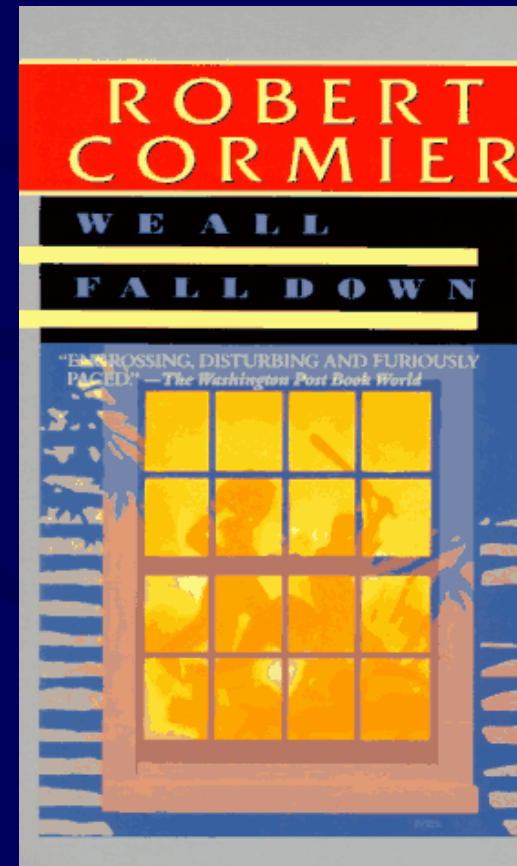


After College

- Wrote commercials
- Writer and newspaper editor for 23 years
- Won 3 major journalism awards
- Wrote short stories for McCall's and the Saturday Evening Post
- Married in 1948

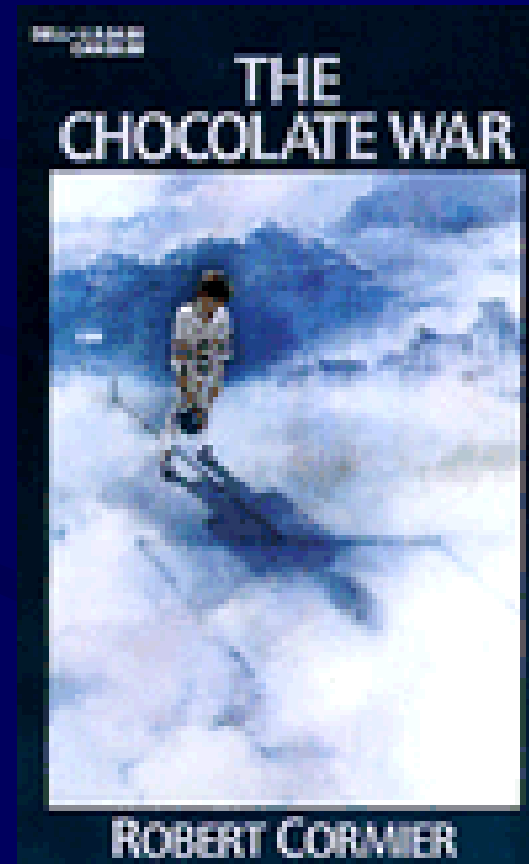
We All Fall Down

- Trashing of the Jerome house
- “Avenger” witnesses the act of vandalism and seeks revenge
- Buddy and Jane fall in love
- “Avenger” strikes back



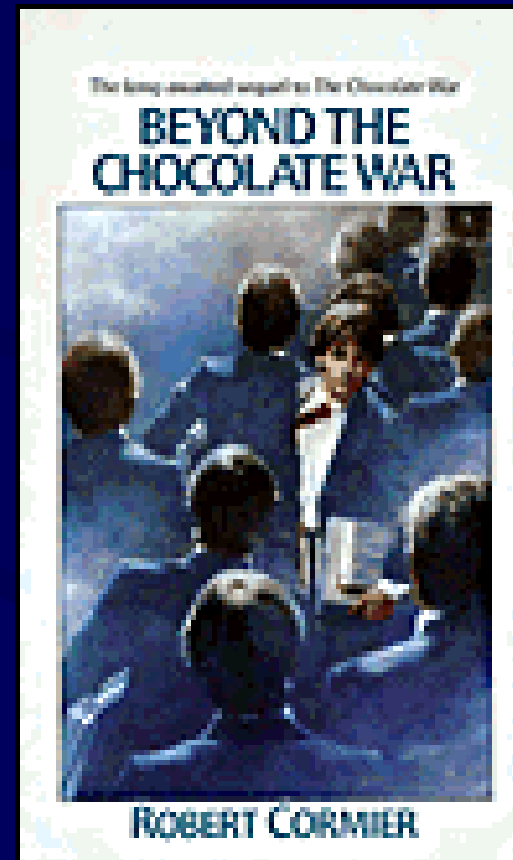
The Chocolate War

- Jerry seeks change
“Dare I disturb the
Universe?”
- Annual chocolate sale
- Jerry chosen for
assignment
- Dramatic ending



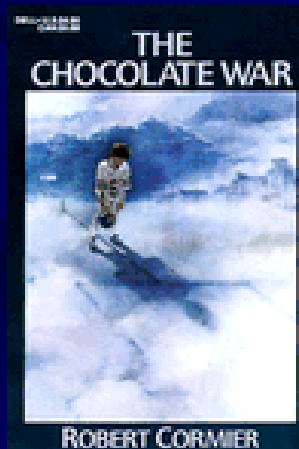
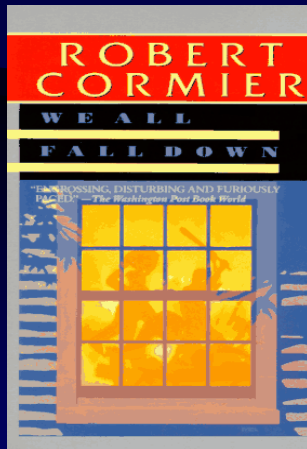
Beyond the Chocolate War

- Picks up where the Chocolate War ends
- Obie becomes frustrated with Archie
- Dramatic ending



Common Themes

- Revenge
- Loneliness
- Helplessness
- Terror
- Sadness



Writing Style

- Controversial subjects
- No fairy tale endings
- Gets ideas from news stories or personal experiences
- Many conflicts
- Alternating viewpoints



