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Definition: **Kesey** from *Collins English Dictionary*

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1 Ken. 1935–2001, US novelist, best-known for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1962)



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Summary Article: **Kesey, Ken (Elton)**
From *Britannica Concise Encyclopedia*

(born Sept. 17, 1935, La Junta, Colo., U.S.—died Nov. 10, 2001, Eugene, Ore.) U.S. writer. He attended Stanford University and later served as an experimental subject and aide in a hospital, an experience that led to his novel *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1962; film, 1975), which in the U.S. became one of the most widely read books of the 1960s. It was followed by *Sometimes a Great Notion* (1964) and several works of nonfiction that detailed Kesey's transformation from novelist to guru of the hippie generation. They recount psychedelic, fancy-free travels on a brightly painted bus with a group of friends, relatives, and fans who called themselves the Merry

Pranksters. Their story is recounted in Tom Wolfe's *Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test* (1968), itself a minor classic of the era.

Birth Place: La Junta, Colorado, United States

Death Place: Eugene, Oregon, United States

Name: Kesey, Ken or Ken Kesey

Gender: male

Nationality: American

Activity: American author

Keywords: Oregon, "Kesey's Garage Sale", "Little Tricker the Squirrel Meets Big Double the Bear", Colorado, La Junta, novel, American, Eugene, "Sailor Song", children's literature, Ken Kesey, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest", nonfiction, American literature, Kesey, Ken, "Demon Box", "Last Go Round", "Caverns", hippie, "Further Inquiry, The", "Sometimes a Great Notion"

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