

# Seminal American author Philip Roth dies

■ **1933:** Born in Newark, New Jersey, to middle class, first-generation Jewish immigrants from Europe

■ **1954-56:** Receives undergraduate degree at Bucknell University and Master's in English Literature at University of Chicago

■ **1959:** First achieves fame with ***Goodbye, Columbus*** – satire of religion and class in post-World War Two America for which he wins first of two National Book Awards

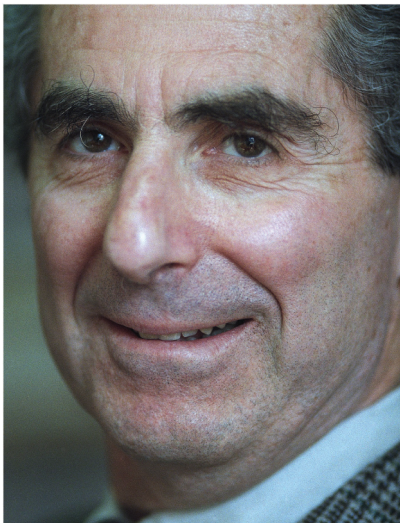
■ **1969:** Achieves fame with sexually explicit, best-selling novel ***Portnoy's Complaint***

■ **1979:** ***The Ghost Writer*** introduces Roth's fictional alter ego ***Nathan Zuckerman***

■ **1997:** Wins Pulitzer Prize for acclaimed novel ***American Pastoral*** about middle-class couple whose daughter becomes a terrorist

■ **1998:** Publishes ***I Married a Communist*** set in McCarthyite communist-hunting era of 1950s and reputedly prompted by Roth's failed marriage to English actor ***Claire Bloom***

■ **2000:** Completes second Zuckerman trilogy with ***The Human Stain***, focused on identity politics in 1990s America and released in 2003 as movie starring ***Anthony Hopkins*** and ***Nicole Kidman***



■ **2006:** Becomes first three-time winner of PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction with ***Everyman***, which marks start of period during which Roth produces novels dwelling on issues of mortality

■ **2010:** Receives National Humanities Medal from U.S. President ***Barack Obama***

■ **2011:** Awarded Man Booker International Prize for lifetime achievement. Announces retirement from writing one year later

■ **May 22, 2018:** Dies of heart failure in New York, aged 85