

SE Hinton did not write good in school. As a matter of fact she got a D in creative writing. Who would have known that she would end up writing several great novels. The most famous of her books was *The Outsiders*. In it gangs called Greasers and Socs battle each other. Why did they rumble. No one really can say perhaps they are separated by social class and needed to make themselves feel better. One of the biggest themes in her novel are loyalty. another could be "you can't judge a book by its cover". SE Hinton did a good job in describing her characters and making them become real to the reader. It is interesting that the director of the movie version of the book made Dally look different than Hinton had described. I wonder why.