

James Thurber (1894-1961) ["The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"]

-James Thurber, considered by many to be *the greatest American humorist* of this century, was born in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Ohio State University and then turned to journalism. He worked first for the Columbus "Dispatch," went to France and contributed to the Paris edition of the "Chicago Tribune", and really found himself as a writer when he returned to New York in 1926 and became one of the brilliant contributors to Harold Ross' New Yorker magazine. Thurber's writings, like the drawings, with which he frequently illustrated his works, have an intriguing sense of absurdity.

Vocabulary

1. rakishly
2. distraught
3. haggard
4. insolent
5. cocky
6. bickering
7. rending

- Define the above terms and find the sentence where the word was used in the story.