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A sampling of contributors includes: Elizabeth Berg on *The Catcher in the Rye*; Harold Bloom on *Little, Big*; Steven Brill on *The Making of the President, 1960*; Da Chen on *The Count of Monte Cristo*; Maureen Corrigan on *David Copperfield*; Nelson DeMille on *Atlas Shrugged*; Tomie dePaola on *Kristin Lavransdatter*; Anita Diamant on *A Room of One's Own*; Linda Fairstein on *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*; Sebastian Junger on *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*; Wally Lamb on *To Kill a Mockingbird*; John McCain on *For Whom the Bell Tolls*; Lisa Scottoline on *Angela's Ashes*; Susan Vreeland on *To Kill a Mockingbird*; and many more. . . .

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