Donald F. Jones Encyclopedia Article

Donald F. Jones

The following sections of this BookRags Literature Study Guide is offprint from Gale's For Students Series: Presenting Analysis, Context, and Criticism on Commonly Studied Works: Introduction, Author Biography, Plot Summary, Characters, Themes, Style, Historical Context, Critical Overview, Criticism and Critical Essays, Media Adaptations, Topics for Further Study, Compare & Contrast, What Do I Read Next?, For Further Study, and Sources.

(c)1998-2002; (c)2002 by Gale. Gale is an imprint of The Gale Group, Inc., a division of Thomson Learning, Inc. Gale and Design and Thomson Learning are trademarks used herein under license.

The following sections, if they exist, are offprint from Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction: "Social Concerns", "Thematic Overview", "Techniques", "Literary Precedents", "Key Questions", "Related Titles", "Adaptations", "Related Web Sites". (c)1994-2005, by Walton Beacham.

The following sections, if they exist, are offprint from Beacham's Guide to Literature for Young Adults: "About the Author", "Overview", "Setting", "Literary Qualities", "Social Sensitivity", "Topics for Discussion", "Ideas for Reports and Papers". (c)1994-2005, by Walton Beacham.

All other sections in this Literature Study Guide are owned and copyrighted by BookRags, Inc.

Contents

Donald F. Jones Encyclopedia Article.....1

Contents.....2

Donald F. Jones.....3

Donald F. Jones

1890-1963

American agronomist who developed commercial hybrid corn. Earning a Harvard University doctorate, Jones continued his plant genetics research at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. He selected corn plants with desirable dominant traits to create hardier hybrids that produced higher yields. Jones genetically sterilized some strains to eliminate the need for detasseling. He identified genes to restore fertility so plants could grow viable seed. Jones's patent for this process was the first patent to include genetics. His research enabled "global agriculture" to expand.