

***The Pearl***  
John Steinbeck

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\*Excerpt from Steinbeck's Nobel Prize address

". . . The ancient commission of the writer has not changed.

"He is charged with exposing our many grievous faults and failures, with dredging up to the light our dark and dangerous dreams for the purpose of improvement.

"Furthermore, the writer is delegated to declare and celebrate man's proven capacity for greatness of heart and spirit—for gallantry in defeat—for courage, compassion and love. In the endless war against weakness and despair, these are the bright rally flags of hope and emulation.

"I hold that a writer who does not passionately believe in the perfectability of man has no dedication nor any membership in literature."

Did Steinbeck hold true to his beliefs about writers based on his Nobel Prize address?