

## Breakfast at Tiffany's – 1958

Title of novella comes from a story Capote had heard about an out-of-town lover, ignorant of New York, who upon being asked to which of the fanciest, most expensive restaurants he would like to be taken for breakfast, picked the only place he'd heard of "Well, let's have breakfast at Tiffany's."

Capote originally envisioned Marilyn Monroe as Holly, and lobbied the studio for her, but the film was done at Paramount, and though Monroe did independent films, including for her own production company, she was still under contract with Twentieth Century Fox.

Some speculated that the character Holly Golightly was based on Truman's mother, Lillie Mae 'Nina' Persons Capote, observing similarities in her background, characteristics and circumstances and those of the novella's protagonist.

