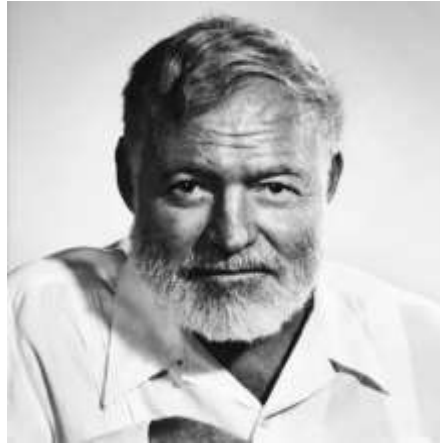


ERNEST HEMINGWAY



Ernest Hemingway (born July 21, 1899, Oak Park, Illinois, U.S.—died July 2, 1961, Ketchum, Idaho) is considered one of the most influential writers of the 20th century. Best known for his novels and short stories, he was also an accomplished journalist and war correspondent. Hemingway started his career as a writer in a newspaper office in Kansas City at the age of seventeen. After the United States entered the First World War, he joined a volunteer ambulance unit in the Italian army. Serving at the front, he was wounded, was decorated by the Italian Government, and spent considerable time in hospitals. After his return to the United States, he became a reporter for Canadian and American newspapers and was soon sent back to Europe to cover such events as the Greek Revolution.

His early years were shaped by his love for the outdoors, as he spent his summers exploring northern Michigan. These experiences would later influence his works, where themes of adventure and the connection between humans and the natural world feature prominently.

Hemingway's personal experiences were a critical foundation of his works. His time as an ambulance driver during World War I influenced his views on life and death and inspired his novel *A Farewell to Arms*. His involvement in the Spanish Civil War as a correspondent enriched his understanding of the human condition, and the power of informed writing was influential for the novel *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. Hemingway's literary career took flight in the 1920s when he was living in an expatriate community in Paris. Surrounded by writers and artists, this transformative time in life gave him a front-row seat to diverse intellectual influences, which played a vital role in his writing.

Among his later works, the most outstanding is the short novel, *The Old Man and the Sea* (1952), the story of an old fisherman's journey, his long and lonely struggle with a fish and the sea, and his victory in defeat. A bestseller, the novella also won Hemingway his long-awaited Pulitzer Prize in 1953.

In 1954, Hemingway was awarded the career-topping Nobel Prize for literature.

Ernest Hemingway's legacy as a writer is an inspiration to past, present and future generations. Hemingway's history is a crucial part of the literary world, as his personal experiences heavily influenced his work. His narratives are trademarked by the direct and emotional impact that resonates deeply with readers. He was known for his matter-of-fact use of words, which omitted details, encouraging readers to infer and actively engage with his narratives. This approach, often referred to as the "Hemingway style," became his trademark and revolutionized the art of storytelling.