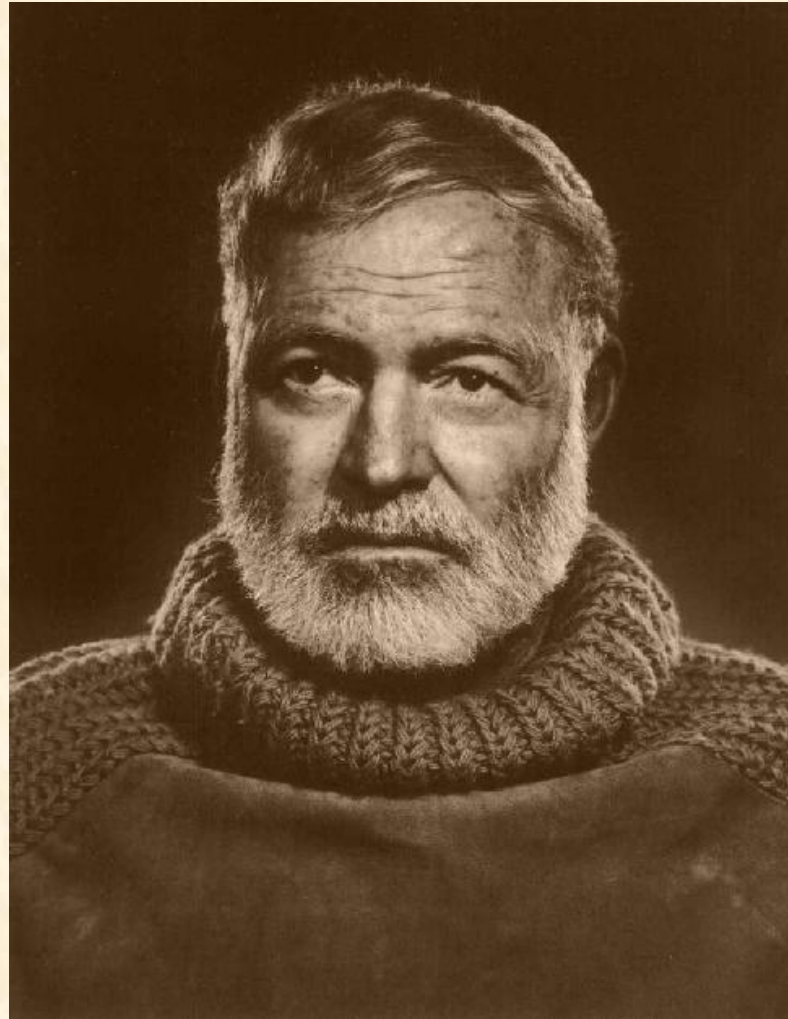


Ernest Hemingway

(1899-1961)



Oak Park



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- Born in Oak Park, Illinois in 1899 (a Chicago suburb)
- Father was Clarence Hemingway, an obstetrician
- Mother Grace Hall Hemingway, a music teacher

Childhood



- Some biographers claim Grace was domineering
- Make too much of the fact she dressed him in girls' clothes as a young child?

Family



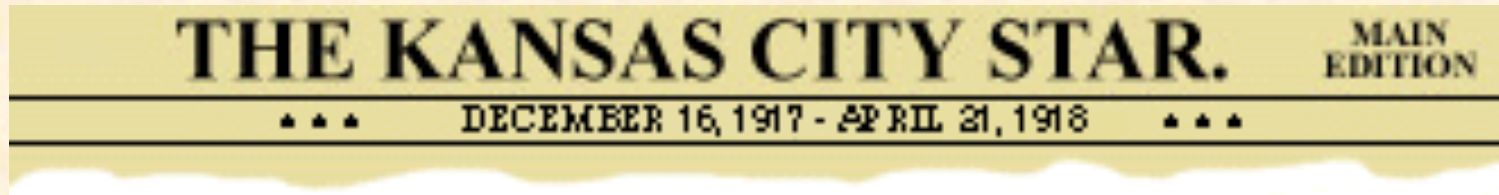
- Older sister Marcelline
- Younger sisters Ursula and Madelaine
- Carol and Leicester born later

Michigan



- Family bought a vacation cabin in Michigan
- Spent summers fishing, hunting, often with his father
- Fictionalized these portions of his life in *In Our Time*

Kansas City Star



- At age 18, went to work as a cub reporter on the Kansas City Star
- Learned rules for writing that he would use throughout his career

Kansas City Star rules for writing

- Below are excerpts from *The Kansas City Star* stylebook that Ernest Hemingway once credited with containing "the best rules I ever learned for the business of writing."
- "Use short sentences.
- Use short first paragraphs.
- Use vigorous English.
- Be positive, not negative. Never use old slang.
- Eliminate every superfluous word.

Kansas City Star rules for writing, cont.

- Be careful of the word *also*. It usually modifies the word it follows closest. "He, also, went" means "He, too, went." "He went also" means he went in addition to taking some other action.
- Be careful of the word *only*. "He only had \$10" means he alone was the possessor of such wealth; "He had only \$10," means the ten was all the cash he possessed. In writing of animals, use the neuter gender except when you are writing of a pet that has a name.
- Try to preserve the atmosphere of the speech in your quotation. For instance, in quoting a child, do not let him say "Inadvertently, I picked up the stone and threw it."

Italy, 1918



- Unfit for military service because of a defective eye
- Joined the American Red Cross as an ambulance driver at age 18
- Sent to Milan, Italy in 1918

War Injury



- Injured by a mortar shell and machine gun fire while delivering chocolates and cigarettes to men at front
- Fictionalized in *A Farewell to Arms*
- Awarded silver medal for valor, though ambiguity about actual event



Agnes Von Kurowsky



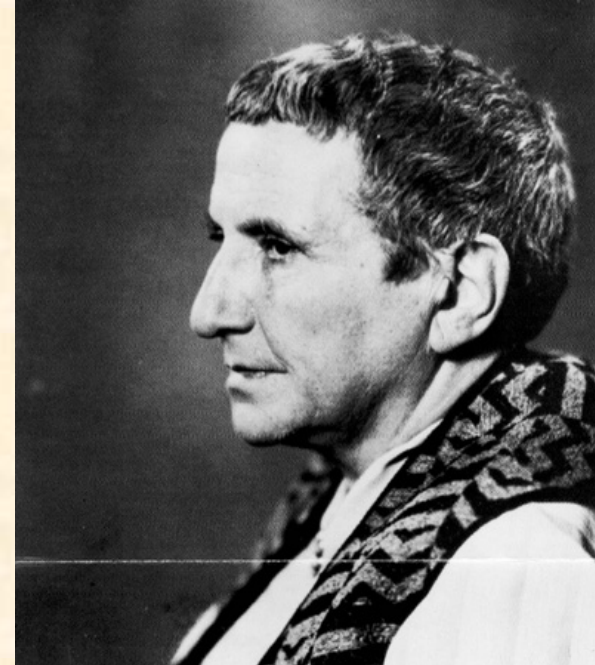
- In hospital, met Agnes Von Kurowsky, a Red Cross nurse
- Love affair fictionalized in *A Farewell to Arms*
- Von Kurowsky broke off their relationship after Hemingway returned to Oak Park

Hadley



- Married Hadley Richardson in 1921; eight years his senior
- The young couple sailed for Paris in December of that year
- Famous incident of lost manuscripts

Expatriot Writers



- American writer Sherwood Anderson as literary mentor (until *Torrents of Spring*)
- Gave Hemingway an introduction letter to Gertrude Stein

Expatriot Years



- Hemingway became involved with a group of American expatriot writers living in Paris--F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ezra Pound, Gertrude Stein, etc. Met James Joyce, other well-known modernist authors.

Greco-Turkish War



- Hemingway covered the Greco-Turkish War for the *Toronto Star* soon after his arrival in Paris.
- Incidents from the war make their way into *In Our Time*

In Our Time

- Published a collection in Paris called “Three Stories and Ten Poems” in 1923
- *in our time* published in Paris in 1924
- *In Our Time* (revised version of earlier work) published in U.S. in 1925



The Sun Also Rises



- *The Sun Also Rises*, Hemingway's first novel, published in 1926 to much acclaim.
- At least partly autobiographical in nature

Pauline and Catholicism



- In 1927, Hemingway divorced Hadley and married his second wife, Pauline Pfeiffer
- Converted to Catholicism

Late 20's



- Publication of short story collection *Men Without Women* in 1927
- Hemingway and Pauline leave Paris in 1928, move to Key West, Florida
- Father's suicide, also in 1928

A Farewell to Arms



- Pauline gives birth to second son Patrick, after hard labor (first son John, “Bumby” born to Hadley in 1923)
- Caesarean birth source material for *A Farewell to Arms*, published in 1929

Papa



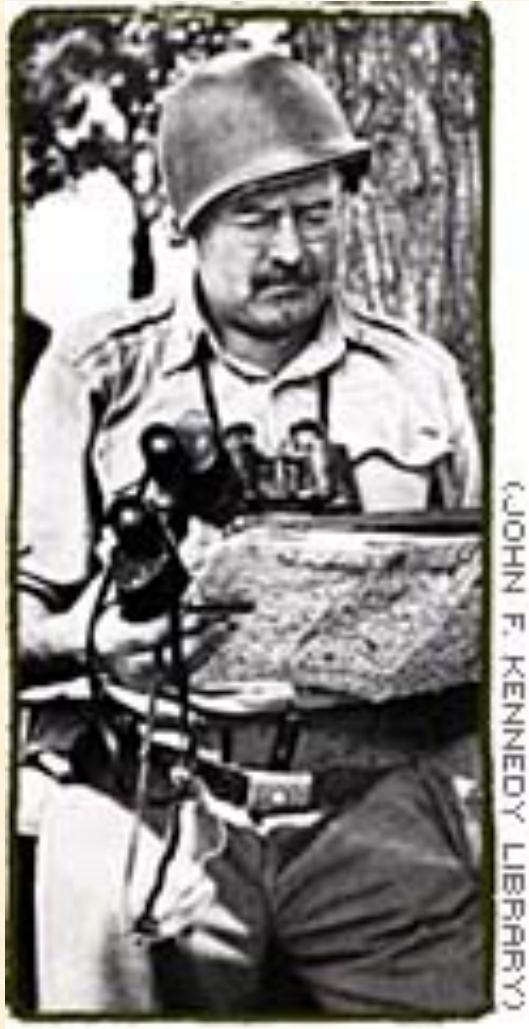
- Key West are the “Papa” years
- Fishing, safaris, bull fights in Spain
- Growth of celebrity

Spanish Civil War



- In 1937, went to Spain to cover the Spanish Civil War
- Left the Catholic Church
- 1940 divorce from Pauline; marriage to war correspondent Martha Gelhorn
- Publication, also in 1940, of *For Whom the Bell Tolls*

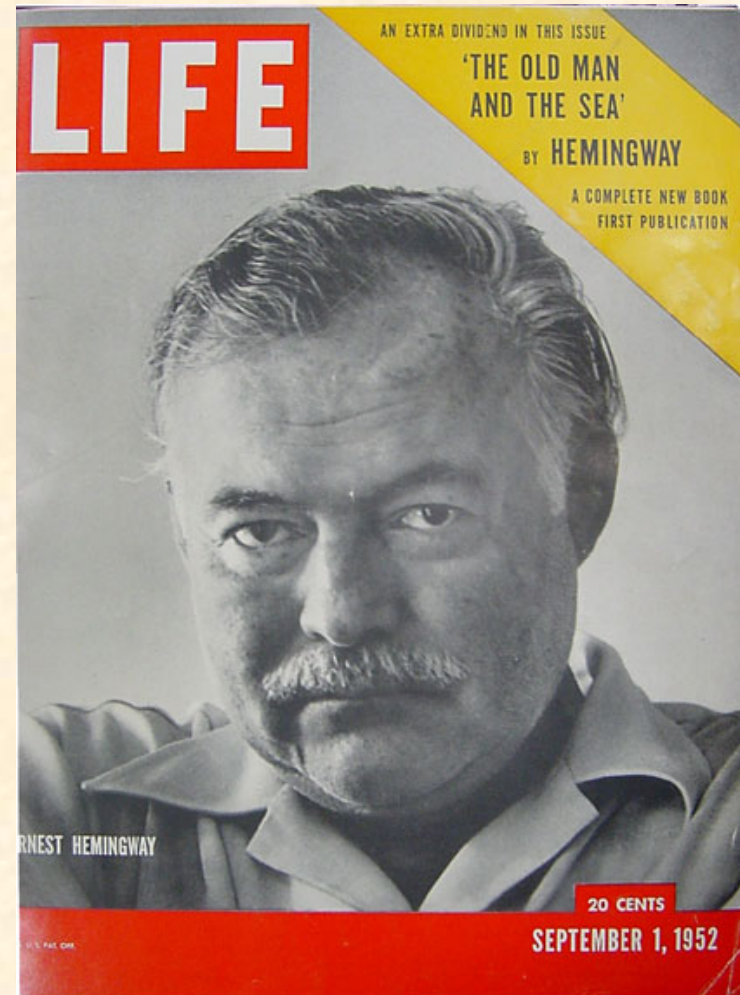
World War II



- During World War II, Hemingway's boat *The Pilar*, involved in submarine hunting.
- Also worked as a war correspondent.

1940's and 1950's

- Divorced Martha Gelhorn after four years.
- Married war correspondent Mary Welsh in 1946
- Published *The Old Man and the Sea* in 1952
- Won Pulitzer Prize in 1953 and Nobel Prize for Literature in 1954
- Seriously injured in two successive plane crashes in Africa



Cuba



- Hemingway also owned a villa in Cuba during the 30's, 40's and 50's where he wrote.
- Forced to sell in late-50's when relations with Cuba become strained

Suicide



- Suffering from various illnesses (including alcoholism) and depression, shot himself to death in 1961 in Ketchum, Idaho.