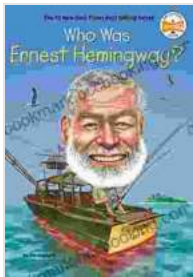


# Who Was Ernest Hemingway?

## Early Life and Influences

Ernest Miller Hemingway was born on July 21, 1899, in Oak Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. His father was a physician, and his mother was a devout Christian Scientist. Hemingway's early life was shaped by the strict moral values instilled by his parents and the idyllic natural surroundings of his childhood home. These experiences would later find expression in his writing, which often depicted the tensions between societal expectations and personal freedom.



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Hemingway's passion for writing emerged at an early age. He began writing short stories and poems as a student at Oak Park and River Forest High School. After graduating in 1917, Hemingway decided to postpone college and joined the Red Cross as an ambulance driver during World War I. His experiences on the Italian front had a profound impact on him, both physically and emotionally. The horrors of war would become a recurring

theme in many of his later works, including his acclaimed novel *A Farewell to Arms*.



### **Journalism and Literary Beginnings**

After the war, Hemingway returned to the United States and worked as a freelance journalist for several publications. In 1921, he published his first collection of short stories, *Three Stories and Ten Poems*. Hemingway's

writing style was distinctive from the outset, characterized by its brevity, clarity, and evocative imagery. His early works, such as the short stories *Hills Like White Elephants* and *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*, showcase his ability to capture the essence of human experiences with remarkable economy.

In 1922, Hemingway moved to Paris, where he became part of a group of expatriate writers known as the "Lost Generation." He befriended authors such as F. Scott Fitzgerald, Gertrude Stein, and Ezra Pound. Paris provided Hemingway with a vibrant and intellectually stimulating environment that further fueled his literary creativity.

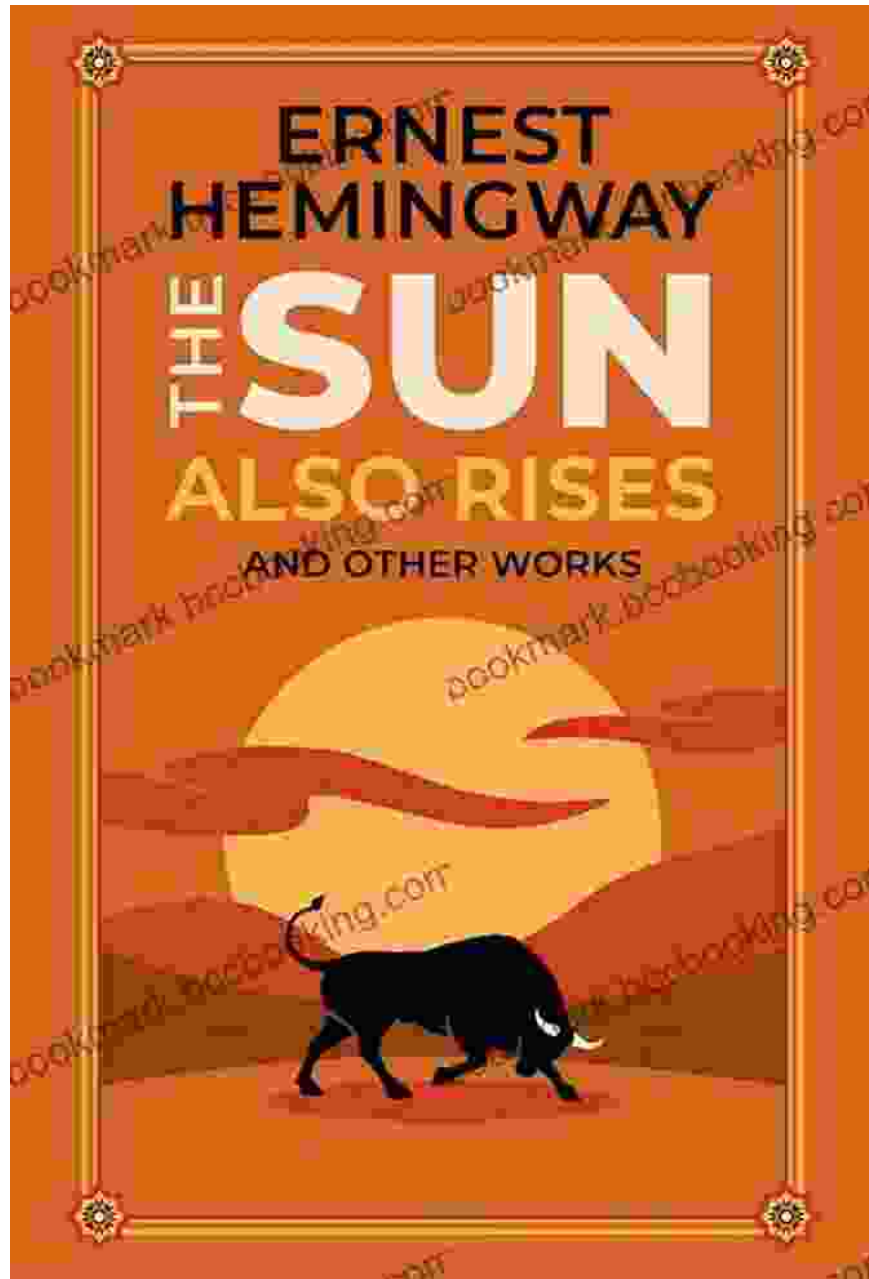


Hemingway (center) with (from left) F. Scott Fitzgerald, Archibald MacLeish, and John Dos Passos.

## **Literary Breakthrough and Recognition**

Hemingway's breakthrough came in 1926 with the publication of his novel *The Sun Also Rises*. The novel explores themes of love, loss, and disillusionment among a group of American expatriates living in Paris. Its innovative style and poignant portrayal of human relationships garnered critical acclaim and established Hemingway as a major literary force.

In 1932, Hemingway published *Death in the Afternoon*, a non-fiction work on bullfighting. The book showcased Hemingway's fascination with Spain and its culture. Two years later, he released another classic novel, *A Farewell to Arms*, which drew on his experiences during World War I. The novel's vivid depiction of war and its aftermath cemented Hemingway's reputation as a master of American literature.



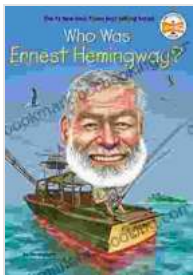
## Later Years and Legacy

In the years following World War II, Hemingway divided his time between Cuba and the United States. He continued to write, but his later works received mixed reviews. Despite these setbacks, Hemingway's reputation as a literary giant remained secure. In 1954, he was awarded the Nobel

Prize in Literature for his "powerful, stylistically groundbreaking mastery of the art of modern narration."

Ernest Hemingway died on July 2, 1961, at his home in Ketchum, Idaho. He left behind a legacy of brilliant writing that has influenced generations of writers. Hemingway's iconic style, characterized by its simplicity, clarity, and emotional depth, continues to resonate with readers worldwide. He is remembered as one of the most significant figures in 20th-century American literature, whose works continue to inspire and captivate audiences to this day.

Ernest Hemingway was a complex and enigmatic figure, a literary genius who left an indelible mark on the world of literature. His writing, with its depth of emotion and evocative prose, continues to move and inspire readers. From his early experiences as a war correspondent to his later years as a celebrated author, Hemingway's life was a testament to the power of resilience, creativity, and the enduring allure of human storytelling.



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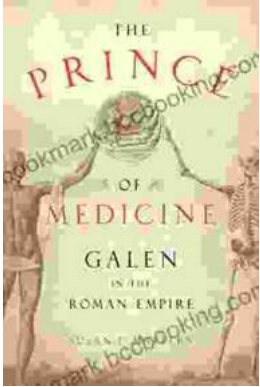
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