

FAMOUS AUTHORS



ERNEST HEMINGWAY

The Adventurer

Many writers lead lives as exciting as the stories they write. One writer who drew on his life as an adventurer, and changed the way fiction was written while doing it, was Ernest Hemingway.



Growing Up

Ernest Hemingway was born in Illinois in 1899. As a young boy he spent a lot of time in northern Michigan, hunting, fishing, and camping. All his life he loved the outdoors and having adventures in remote places. He would use these experiences in his writing, as well.

Kansas



After Hemingway got out of high school, he did not want to go to college. He got a job as a reporter on the Kansas City Star. He only worked there about six months, but he would base his writing style on the way reporters wrote. His best stories and novels would be written in plain English, with sentences short and to the point.

Italy



His first big adventure was during World War I. He could not get into the army because his eyesight was too bad. Instead, he joined the Red Cross Ambulance Corps. He was wounded

in Italy. The Italian government gave him a medal for saving a wounded soldier even though he himself was hurt. Hemingway would use his war experiences when writing one of his most successful novels, *A Farewell to Arms*.

Paris



After World War I, Hemingway moved to Chicago and got married. He began working again as a reporter. As part of his job, he moved to Paris in 1921. He was one of many American writers and artists who were living there at this time. Together, they became known as the Lost Generation. According to Hemingway, the name was given to them by his friend and fellow writer, Gertrude Stein.

Moving!

Hemingway moved around a great deal during his life. After Paris, he lived in Toronto. He was living in Arkansas with his second wife when he wrote *A Farewell to Arms*. Most of his writing was done when he lived in Key West, Florida. He also lived in Cuba, spent a lot of time in Spain, and went on several safaris in Africa.



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