

CHAPTER I

Chronology

Verna Kale

1896

October 1

Grace Hall, a classically trained singer, is married to Dr. Clarence Hemingway, a general practice physician. The couple settles in their hometown of Oak Park, Illinois, an affluent suburb of Chicago. The couple will have six children, Marcelline (1898), Ernest (1899), Ursula (1902), Madelaine "Sunny" (1904), Carol (1911), and Leicester (1915).

1899

July 21

Ernest Miller Hemingway is born at home, weighing nine and a half pounds.

1900

Summer

The family takes up residence in their new summer home at Bear Lake. The family calls the home "Windemere."

1902

July

On a fishing trip with his father, EH catches his first fish.

1911

July 21

EH receives a 20-gauge shotgun from his paternal grandfather.

1913-17

EH attends high school, where he exhibits mediocre talent on the football team but excels as a contributor to the school paper and literary magazine.

1914

June 28

Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria is assassinated, precipitating the diplomatic crisis that escalates into World War I with the July 28 Austro-Hungarian declaration of war on Serbia. Italy will enter the war in 1915.

- 1917**
October EH takes a job as a reporter for the *Kansas City Star*.
- 1918**
May 21 Volunteering with the Red Cross as an ambulance driver, EH embarks for Italy.
July 8 Stationed near Fossalta on the Piave River, EH is struck by shrapnel from an Austrian shell. He is reportedly the first American wounded in Italy.
July 17 EH is admitted to a Red Cross hospital in Milan, where he will fall in love with American nurse Agnes von Kurowsky (1892–1984).
November 11 Germany, the last of the Central Powers to capitulate, signs an armistice with the Allies, signaling the end of the war.
- 1919**
January 4 EH sails for the United States.
March 7 Still stationed in Italy, Agnes writes that she has fallen in love with someone else. EH is heartbroken.
Summer EH aspires to send stories to fiction editors at *The Saturday Evening Post* and other slicks. None will be accepted.
- 1920**
January 8 EH moves to Toronto and freelances for the *Toronto Star*.
Autumn EH moves to Chicago and begins a relationship with St. Louis native Elizabeth Hadley Richardson (1891–1979). He becomes acquainted with writer Sherwood Anderson (1876–1941).
- 1921**
September 3 EH and Hadley are married in Horton Bay, Michigan.
December 8 The Hemingways embark for Paris, carrying letters of introduction from Anderson to Gertrude Stein (1874–1946), Sylvia Beach (1887–1962), and Ezra Pound (1885–1972).
- 1922**
January The Hemingways take up residence in Paris.
Spring With Pound's encouragement, EH submits work to *The Dial* and *The Little Review* but is rejected. EH meets Stein and becomes a frequent borrower of Sylvia Beach's lending library at Shakespeare and Company. He contributes pieces to the *Toronto Star*.

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- May An experimental piece, "A Divine Gesture," is published by the New Orleans-based little magazine *The Double Dealer*.
- December Hadley travels to Lausanne where EH is covering the Greco-Turkish peace conference. A valise containing all his works in progress is stolen at the Gare de Lyon in Paris. The manuscripts are never recovered.

1923

- January Six poems by EH appear in Harriet Monroe's *Poetry* magazine.
- Spring The spring number of *The Little Review* contains six vignettes by EH. He continues to place stories and poems throughout the 1920s as he establishes his reputation.
- May 27 In Madrid, EH witnesses his first bullfight.
- July EH attends his first festival of San Fermín in Pamplona.
- Summer Robert McAlmon's (1895–1956) Contact Publishing Company publishes EH's first book, *TSTP*.
- August 26 EH and Hadley leave for Toronto to await the birth of their first child. EH works full time at the *Star*.
- October 10 Hadley gives birth to John Hadley Nicanor "Bumby" Hemingway.

1924

- January The Hemingways return to France. EH commits himself fully to his literary career.
- March Bill Bird's (1888–1963) Three Mountains Press puts out *iot* in a limited edition of 170.

1925

- February EH receives word that *IOT* has been accepted for publication by Boni & Liveright.
- Spring EH meets *Vogue* writer Pauline Pfeiffer (1895–1951) in Paris.
- June–July EH attends the festival of St. Fermín with friends and begins work on *SAR*.
- October *IOT* is published by Boni & Liveright in an edition of 1,335.
- December Pauline joins the Hemingways in Austria and pursues a flirtation with EH; Boni & Liveright rejects *TOS*, EH's parody of Anderson's recent novel *Dark Laughter*.

- 1926**
 February Scribner's editor, Maxwell Perkins (1884-1947), accepts TOS, to be followed by SAR. EH remains with Scribner's for the rest of his career.
 May 28 TOS is published.
 August The Hemingways separate.
 October 22 SAR is published.
- 1927**
 March "The Killers" is published in *Scribner's Magazine* - EH's first short story in a major American magazine.
 April 21 The Hemingways' divorce is final.
 May 10 EH and Pauline are married in Paris and honeymoon in Le Grau-du-Roi.
 October 14 The short story collection *MWW* is published.
- 1928**
 April The Hemingways arrive in Key West, Florida.
 June 28 Patrick Hemingway is born by Caesarean section in Kansas City, MO.
 December 6 Clarence Hemingway commits suicide.
- 1929**
 Summer FTA is serialized in *Scribner's Magazine*. The magazine is banned in Boston on obscenity charges.
 September 27 FTA is published and becomes a best seller.
- 1931**
 April Pauline's wealthy uncle helps the Hemingways purchase their Key West home.
 November 12 Gregory Hancock Hemingway is born in Kansas City.
- 1932**
 Spring EH travels to Cuba, takes up marlin fishing, and revises proofs of *DIA*.
 September 23 *DIA* is published.
- 1933**
 October 27 EH's short story collection *WTN* is published.
 December EH embarks on a two-month African safari with Pauline; the trip provides material for *GHOA*, "The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber," and "Snows of Kilimanjaro."

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- 1934**
Spring With earnings from a series of "letters" to *Esquire*, EH makes a down payment on a fishing boat, the *Pilar*.
- 1935**
September A hurricane kills hundreds of World War I veterans working in the Keys for the Civilian Conservation Corps. EH blames the government in "Who Murdered the Vets?," published in *New Masses*.
October 25 *GHOA* is published to mixed reviews.
- 1936**
July 17 A rebel coup is staged against the democratically elected government of Spain, marking the beginning of the Spanish Civil War.
December Vacationing with her family, author Martha Gellhorn (1908–98) meets EH at Sloppy Joe's Bar in Key West.
- 1937**
March–May Reporting for the North American Newspaper Alliance on the Spanish Civil War, EH also undertakes a film project with director Joris Ivens (1898–1989) to raise awareness in America for the Loyalist cause.
June 4 EH delivers a speech to a packed house at the American Writers' Congress in New York. It is printed as "Fascism is a Lie" in *New Masses*.
Autumn EH returns to Spain, where he works on his only full-length play, *The Fifth Column*. *THHN* is published in October.
- 1938**
April 7 In "The Time Now, The Place Spain," published in *Ken*, EH argues for defending the Spanish Loyalists against Franco's foreign allies to prevent a second world war.
October 14 Frustrated by the failure to bring *The Fifth Column* to Broadway, EH publishes it in *FC*.
- 1939**
March Madrid falls to the Nationalists, followed by Valencia, effectively ending the Spanish Civil War. EH is alternately in Key West and Havana, working on *FWBT*.

- April Though EH is married to Pauline, he and Martha rent a crumbling farmhouse, La Finca Vigía, in the village of San Francisco de Paula outside Havana.
- September 1 Germany invades Poland, prompting France and England to declare war.
- 1940**
- March 7 *The Fifth Column*, largely rewritten by a Hollywood screenwriter, opens on Broadway; it closes after only eighty-seven performances.
- October *FWBT* is published, the Book of the Month Club offers it as a selection, and the movie rights sell for a record-breaking sum.
- November 21 His divorce from Pauline final, EH marries Martha in Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- December EH buys La Finca Vigía.
- 1941**
- February–May Martha travels to China for *Collier's*; EH arranges a contract with *PM* magazine so he can join her, but it is a miserable "honeymoon."
- December 7 The Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, initiating the United States' entry into World War II.
- 1942**
- Summer EH organizes "The Crook Factory," a counterintelligence group formed to root out Nazi spies in Cuba. The following summer, "Operation Friendless" employs the *Pilar* to patrol the sea for U-boats; none are found.
- 1943**
- Autumn Martha, unsuccessful in convincing EH to join her in Europe to report on the war, leaves for England alone.
- 1944**
- March EH accepts an assignment as *Collier's* front-line correspondent, effectively demoting the less famous Martha and adding tension to their troubled relationship.
- May EH meets American journalist Mary Welsh Monks (1908–86) in London; they begin an affair. Martha leaves EH.
- June 6 EH reports on the Normandy invasion from a landing craft.

- Summer–Autumn EH travels with the Infantry Division
- October–November EH is questioned about Resistance, a violent designation. Clearing the air, EH witnesses the Battle of Britain.
- 1945**
- May 2 Mary joins EH in England
- May 7 Germany surrenders
- August 14 Japan agrees to the end of World War II.
- December EH and Martha divorce
- 1946**
- ? EH works on "the novel" which will become *The Sun Also Rises*, a novel posthumously published.
- March 14 EH and Mary marry
- 1948**
- December On a trip to Italy, EH meets Ernest Hemingway, who writes *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. EH meets Ivancich, who writes *ARIT*.
- 1950**
- September 7 *ARIT* is published
- 1952**
- March 6 EH grudgingly gives up his work on *ARIT* from his work on *OMS*, a major critical success.
- September 1 *OMS* is published, selling 5,000,000. Scribner's publishes it in hardcover form a week later.
- 1953**
- May 4 *OMS* wins the 1953 Pulitzer Prize
- September–January The Hemingway Foundation is founded
- 1954**
- January 23–4 EH is involved in the publication of *The Sun Also Rises* in newspapers and magazines
- October 28 EH wins the Nobel Prize for Literature

- Summer– EH travels with the Royal Air Force and the U.S. 4th
Autumn Infantry Division.
October– EH is questioned about bearing arms for the French
November Resistance, a violation of the terms of his noncombatant designation. Cleared of charges, he returns to his post, witnessing the Battle of Hürtgen Forest.
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August 14 Japan agrees to the Allies' terms of surrender, ending World War II.
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- 1946**
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March 14 EH and Mary marry.
- 1948**
December On a trip to Italy, EH meets eighteen-year-old Adriana Ivancich, who will serve as inspiration for Renata in *ARIT*.
- 1950**
September 7 *ARIT* is published to mostly negative reviews.
- 1952**
March 6 EH grudgingly grants Philip Young permission to quote from his works in *Ernest Hemingway* (Rinehart), the first major critical study of EH.
September 1 *OMS* is published in *Life* in a print run of more than 5,000,000. Scribner's publishes the novella in book form a week later to rapturous reviews.
- 1953**
May 4 *OMS* wins the 1952 Pulitzer Prize for literature.
September– The Hemingways go on safari in Africa.
January
- 1954**
January 23–4 EH is involved in two plane crashes in two days; newspapers erroneously report his death.
October 28 EH wins the Nobel Prize in literature.

- 1957**
January EH rediscovers two trunks he had stored at the Paris Ritz Hotel in 1928, perhaps inspiring the sketches that will make up *MF*.
- 1959**
January 1 Fulgencio Batista (1901–73) goes into exile, relinquishing government control to Fidel Castro (b. 1926).
Spring Concerned about the Cuban political situation, the Hemingways buy a home in Ketchum, Idaho.
- 1960**
January– May EH works on a long piece for *Life* about the mano a mano competition of matadors Antonio Ordóñez and Luis Miguel Dominguín.
Autumn Suffering from depression and episodes of paranoia, EH seeks treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.
- 1961**
July 2 EH commits suicide at his Ketchum home; his death is initially reported as accidental.
- 1964**
May 5 *MF*, edited by Mary Hemingway and Harry Brague, is published.
- 1966**
March Unable to halt publication of A. E. Hotchner's (b. 1920) *Papa Hemingway*, which reveals EH's death as a suicide, Mary breaks the story to the media herself.
- 1970**
October 6 *IIS*, edited by Mary Hemingway and Charles Scribner IV, is published.
- 1980**
July 18 The Hemingway Reading Room at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston opens, and the Hemingway Society holds its first conference.
- 1981**
Autumn The first issue of *The Hemingway Review* (formerly *Hemingway notes*) is published.

- 1986**
May 28 *GOE*, heavily edited
- 1999**
July *TAFL*, EH's account of his relationship with Patrick Hemingway
- 2005**
September *UK*, a scholarly edition of the letters of Ernest Hemingway, edited by Lewis and Robert Lewis, published by the University of Minnesota Press
- 2009**
July A restored edition of *The Letters of Ernest Hemingway*, edited by Patrick Hemingway, published by the University of Minnesota Press
- 2011**
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2005

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UK, a scholarly edition of *TAFL*, edited by Robert W. Lewis and Robert E. Fleming, is published by Kent State University Press.

2009

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A restored edition of *MF*, edited by Seán Hemingway, EH's grandson, is published.

2011

October

The first volume of the comprehensive scholarly edition *The Letters of Ernest Hemingway* (Cambridge) is published.