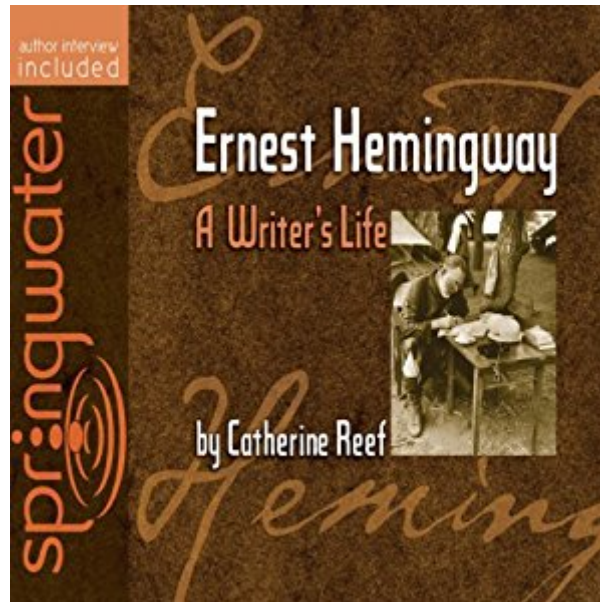




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Synopsis

An introduction to the life and work of one of the most significant and notorious American writers of the 20th century. Ernest Hemingway's literary status alone makes him worthy of a biography. In addition, his life reads like a suspense story – it's full of action, romance, heartbreak, machismo, mishaps, celebrity, and tragedy. He had first-hand experience of several historic events of the last century, and he rubbed elbows with many other notable writers and intellectual greats of our time. Though his reputation has weathered ups and downs, his status as an American icon remains untouchable. Here, in the only biography available to young people, Catherine Reef introduces readers to Hemingway's work, with a focus on his themes and writing styles and his place in the history of American fiction, and examines writers who influenced him and those he later influenced. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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I am so happy I made the right choice by purchasing this book. The pictures, the information, everything is so perfect. I strongly recommend this book to anyone who is really interested in Hemingway's life. It shows you Hemingway the writer and the human being. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

GOOD PICTURES, GOOD READ, GOOD INFO!

Bought this for my 9 year old to do a report as this was the only book I could find labeled for his age

group. Very difficult to follow. Author goes off on side issues that I don't think were necessary. I had to pretty much read the entire book with my son in order to help him extract the information necessary to do a report. Written for a much older age group.

I admit to knowing very little about Ernest Hemingway's life until I read this book, except that he was undoubtedly a talented writer and literary icon, and that he loved cats. In this 192 page biography with young adults as its targeted audience, that all changed for me. Each page was filled with interesting facts about Hemingway, as well as loads of photographs at various stages of his life. Some of the facts I found interesting were: POSSIBLE SPOILERS....He was born on July 21, 1899 in Oak Park, Illinois. His writing always reflected what he was feeling. *The Sun Also Rises*, was inspired by bullfights he saw in Spain. *A Farewell to Arms* was based on his World War I adventures. In 1953 he won the Pulitzer Prize for *An Old Man and the Sea*, and in 1954 The Swedish Ambassador to Cuba awarded him the Nobel Prize for Literature. Like his father, he committed suicide on July 2, 1961 in Ketchum, Idaho. His health was failing and he suffered from depression. Many of his books were published after his death. His house in Key West, Florida is a national historic landmark, and is open for tours. MY THOUGHTS - In my opinion, this book is a great biography for anyone interested in a brief, yet well rounded book about one of the great writers of all time. RECOMMENDED

You know how almost middle school or high school student in this country has to read Hemingway in school? This would be a good choice to complement his or her understanding of Hemingway, the man and the writer. It gives a good mix of facts, anecdotes, and photos to show how complicated and rich (and sad, in parts) his life was. For example, it gives facts on bullfighting and why Hemingway was so fascinated with it -- plus photos -- with commentary on how it involved his favorite themes of death, stamina, and strength. I also think it would be a good title for an adult who wants some information on Hemingway without getting bogged down in a long, dense biography, which this title definitely is not. I enjoyed this book and I would highly recommend it for students in middle school, high school, or even college.

This book captures in pictures the corollaries between Hemingway's life and his fiction. You get a real sense of how his life influenced his art. How he was most concerned, not with plotting, characterization or the market, as other writers were, but with the capturing of real emotions on paper. If you are well read in Hemingway then every picture will bring back a moment in his fiction. This book is less a history and more an experience.

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