



**Otázka:** Ernest Hemingway

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Ernest Hemingway (1898 – 1961) was one of the best known American writers. He wrote novels and short-stories. He was born in 1898 in Illinois, the second of six children. He did not stay there all his life. Cuba and Paris became his adopted homes. His family was strict and very religious.. His father taught his children a love of nature and the outdoor life. Ernest caught his first fish at the age of three. His mother taught him a love of music and art. At school, he was good at English and wrote for the school newspaper. He graduated in 1917, but he didn't go to college. After graduating he worked as a newspaper reporter for The Kansas City Star. He learned a lot, but months later he volunteered for service in World war I.. Hemingway was fascinated by war.

During the First World War he served in Italy in a hospital unit. He was a driver. But he was wounded there in 1918. After the war he worked as a journalist in Chicago and Toronto. However, he went to live in Paris soon, where he was encouraged in his work by the American writer Gertrude Stein. In the 1930's, the Spanish Civil War he remained in Spain as a war correspondent.

His personal life was unlucky. He married four times. His first wife divorced him in 1927. He immediately married again and moved to Key West, Florida, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and drinking, but he also suffered from depression. This wasn't helped when, in 1928, his father committed suicide. Hemingway's health was not good. Two more marriages failed and he began to drink heavily. In 1954, he survived two plane crashes. In October of the same year he was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature, but he was too ill to receive it in person.

His final years were taken up with health problems and alcohol. He began to lose his memory and he couldn't write any more. On Sunday, 2nd July 1961, Hemingway killed himself with a shotgun, just as his father done before him.



His life was interesting and full of adventures. Ernest Hemingway belonged to the group of writers and artists that called themselves "the lost generation." During his life he loved hunting and fishing. His life was varied and wild.

### **For Whom The Bell Tolls (1940)**

- Psychological picture of war, during the Spanish Civil War Robert Jordan, the main character in the novel
- Capable, conscientious American, comes to Spain to help in the fight against fascism; facing certain death in a guerrilla action, he realizes, what a beautiful place the world really is, and how much it is worth fighting for.

### **A Farewell to Arms**

- It was an important work with a military theme.

### **The Old Man and the Sea**

- A short novel
- Hemingway shows the eternal fight between nature and man.
- In 1954 Ernest Hemingway was awarded the Nobel Prize for The Old Man and the Sea.