



Ernest Hemingway (1899–1961)

Hemingway was a journalist who reported on wars like the Spanish Civil War (1935–1939). His books often describe the adventures he had while he was travelling the world.

Hemingway won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954 for *The Old Man and the Sea*. It's the story of an old fisherman in Cuba. The fisherman wants to catch a marlin, an enormous fish, and the book is about their epic struggle.

Hemingway wrote this short novel while he was living in Cuba. As always, Hemingway used simple words and sentences to tell his story.

READING



The Old Man and the Sea.

The story

The most popular short novel that contains the main themes of Hemingway's work is *The Old Man and the Sea*. It is the story of an old Cuban fisherman named Santiago and of a young boy, Manolin, who is his apprentice and takes care of him. One day Santiago catches an enormous marlin in the middle of the ocean. While he is sailing home with the fish the marlin's blood leaves a trail in the water that attracts sharks. Fighting with them, Santiago loses his harpoon allowing the sharks to eat the marlin and leaving the fisherman with only a carcass. Manolin isn't with the old man, but he understands the tragedy of his friend's journey and becomes worried.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Hemingway's novels inspired famous films such as *The Old Man and the Sea* and *For Whom the Bells Tolls*.