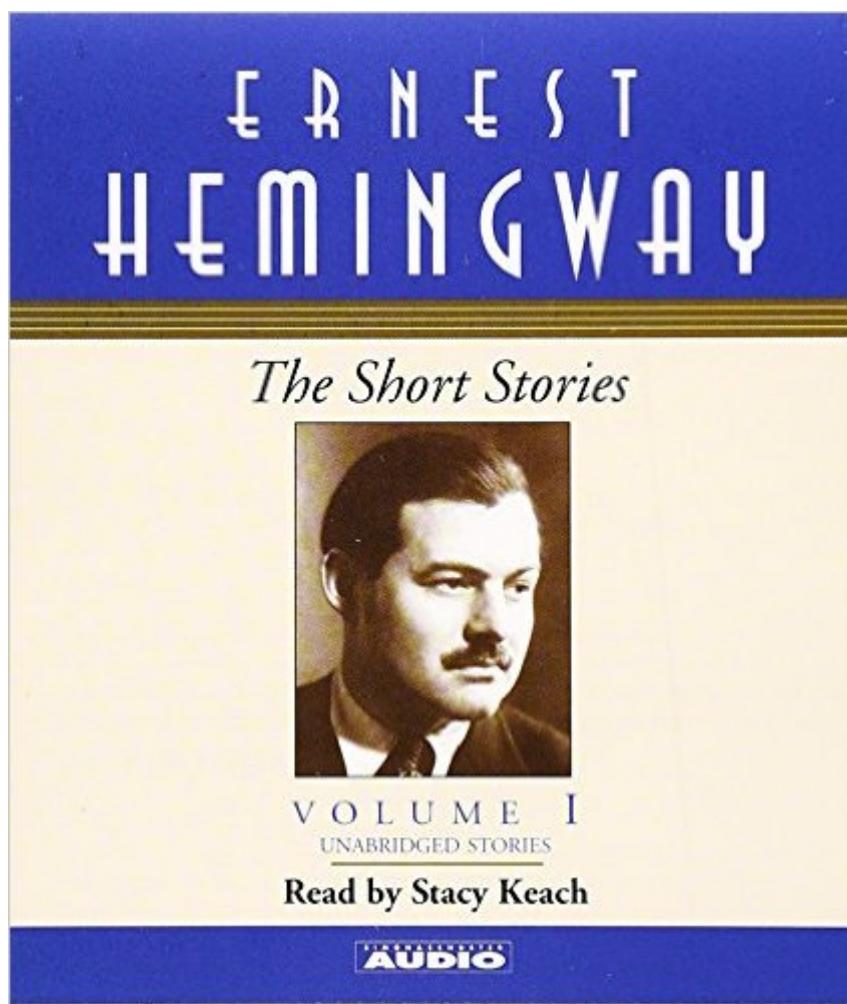


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Hemingway's greatest format was always the short story. With the exception (at least in my mind) of The Sun Also Rises, A Farewell To Arms and For Whom The Bell Tolls (The Old Man And the Sea, although great is overrated at the same time), the tension and economy of line required of the short story form became muddled as Hem tackled the novel. Although this collection is not complete- missing here are two of my favorite Nick Adams stories- it definitely contains Hemingway's finest

work. My personal favorite, among many many choices included here is both parts of "Big Two Hearted River". Although I am not a fly fisherman, I am a human being and Nick's sense of loss and reflection as it becomes manifested in the wilderness resounds beautifully. Hemingway is often Thoreau without the self consciousness. In re-reading these stories it continued to amaze me how utterly accessible and entertaining Hemingway's short stories remain to this day and how utterly dry, academic and pretentious all the "scholarship" has tried to make him in the unsufferable Lit classes I have often endured. Hemingway is a great story teller who relates simple narratives that sensually create a spiritual experience. His line of action is clear and devoid of any digression. His avoidance of psycho-babble (thank God he didn't live long enough to experience the 1970's!) and his desire to place things grounded in the reality of doing (actors can learn volumes from reading Hemingway) makes him truly timeless. There are many great writers who write as if they were talking directly to the audience in a barroom or fireside chat. What I find interesting about Hemingway is a strange void of "talkiness".

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