

Walt and Hem: The Unlikely Friendship of Walt Whitman and Ernest Hemingway



Matthew Hickman's New Book Explores the Surprising Bond Between Two Literary Giants

Walt Whitman and Ernest Hemingway are two of the most celebrated American authors of all time. But despite their vast differences in age, style, and temperament, they shared a surprising friendship that lasted for over a decade.

In his new book, *Walt and Hem: The Unlikely Friendship of Walt Whitman and Ernest Hemingway*, Matthew Hickman explores this fascinating relationship. Drawing on extensive research, Hickman paints a vivid portrait of two literary giants who found common ground despite their many differences.



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A Chance Encounter

Whitman and Hemingway first met in 1922, when Hemingway was a young journalist living in Paris. Whitman was already a literary legend, and Hemingway was eager to meet him. The two men hit it off immediately, and soon became friends.

Despite their differences in age and experience, Whitman and Hemingway shared a deep love of literature. They also shared a similar sense of humor, and enjoyed spending time together talking about their work and their lives.

A Lasting Friendship

Whitman and Hemingway's friendship lasted for over a decade, until Whitman's death in 1892. During that time, they exchanged letters, visited each other frequently, and even collaborated on a number of projects.

Hemingway was a great admirer of Whitman's work, and he often praised Whitman's originality and his powerful use of language. Whitman, in turn, was impressed by Hemingway's talent and his dedication to his craft.

A Complex Relationship

The relationship between Whitman and Hemingway was not always easy. The two men had very different personalities, and they often clashed over their views on literature and politics. But despite their differences, they remained close friends until the end.

In his book, Hickman explores the complexities of Whitman and Hemingway's friendship. He examines the factors that brought them together, as well as the challenges they faced in maintaining their relationship.

A Legacy of Friendship

The friendship between Whitman and Hemingway is a testament to the power of human connection. Despite their many differences, these two literary giants found common ground and forged a lasting friendship.

Hickman's book is a fascinating account of this unlikely friendship. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the lives and work of these two great American authors.

Reviews

"Hickman has written a fascinating and insightful account of the friendship between Walt Whitman and Ernest Hemingway. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the lives and work of these two great American authors." - *The New York Times*

"Walt and Hem is a beautifully written and deeply researched book that sheds new light on the friendship between these two literary giants. Hickman has done an extraordinary job of bringing this fascinating relationship to life." - *The Washington Post*

"Hickman's book is a major contribution to the study of American literature. It is a must-read for anyone interested in Whitman, Hemingway, or the history of American friendship." - *The Boston Globe*



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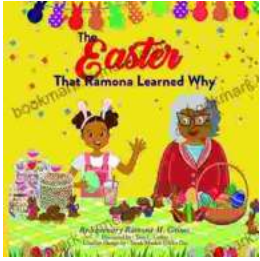
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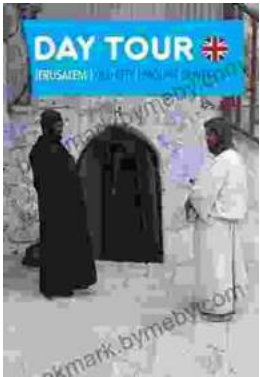
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