Ernest Hemingway

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About Hemingway:

- Born in Oak Park, IL
- Volunteered to be a Red Cross ambulance driver in World War I
- First published short stories were in 1925 in the collection "In Our Time". This is when "Cat in the Rain" was published.
- Exerted much influence on contemporary life and writing
- Born in 1899 and died in 1961

Literary Time Period: "In Another Country"

- During World War I
- Hemingway was influenced while serving as an ambulance driver
- He understood the random violence of war
- He creates a sense of reality.

Author's Style:

- Uses dialogue to reveal characters and situations directly
- Language is almost always simple and direct
- Language is repetitive
- Characters are normally ordinary people with normal concerns

Author's Purpose

- To convey the randomness and ironies of death
- Never interested in answering every question by the end of the story
- To reinforce his emotional deadness and disenchantment with the war
- To portray war NOT as an opportunity to prove one's honor or patriotism, BUT as a source of physical or emotional injury