

The Old Man and the Sea Key Facts

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Key Facts

- **Full Title:** *The Old Man and the Sea*
- **Author:** Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)
- **When Written:** 1951
- **Where Written:** Cuba
- **When Published:** 1952
- **Literary Period:** Modernism
- **Genre:** Fiction (novella); Allegory
- **Setting:** Late 1940s; a fishing village near Havana, Cuba, and the waters of the Gulf of Mexico
- **Climax:** When Santiago finally harpoons and kills the marlin; when Santiago fights off the final pack of sharks
- **Point of View:** Third-person omniscient, although largely limited to Santiago's point of view