

WALLOON LAKE READS: *The Nick Adams Stories*

SECTION 4 (April 22-28)
Virtual Discussion: Thursday, April 29
Moderator: Jennifer Tianen

A SOLDIER HOME

- Big Two-Hearted River
- The End of Something
- The Three Day Blow
- Summer People

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Post war Hemingway in Petoskey
- Ernest Hemingway Memorial in Seney

QUESTIONS FOR READERS

- “Big Two-Hearted River” offers the first glimpse of Nick after the war. On the surface, very little happens in the story. Is it a simple tale about Nick’s appreciation of nature’s beauty or is there greater meaning?
- How does Nick use nature and isolation to recuperate after his war injuries (physical, mental and emotional)?
- “The End of Something” is more than just a “break-up” story – what other conclusions can be identified?
- “The Three Day Blow” offers an anti-marriage theme, written in 1925 during Ernest’s first (of four) marriage to Hadley Richardson (whom he married in 1921 in Horton Bay). Was this a precursor to their 1927 divorce?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Michigan Hemingway Society: <https://www.michiganhemingwaysociety.org/>
- Michigan Hemingway Tour: <http://mihemingwaytour.com/>
- Crooked Tree District Library (Walloon Lake): <https://crookedtree.ploud.net/>
- Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University: https://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/ResearchResources/Michigan_Material_Statewide/Hemingway_in_Michigan/Pages/default.aspx
- Little Traverse History Museum: <https://www.petoskeymuseum.org/>
- Charlevoix Historical Society Museum: <https://chxhistory.com/>

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