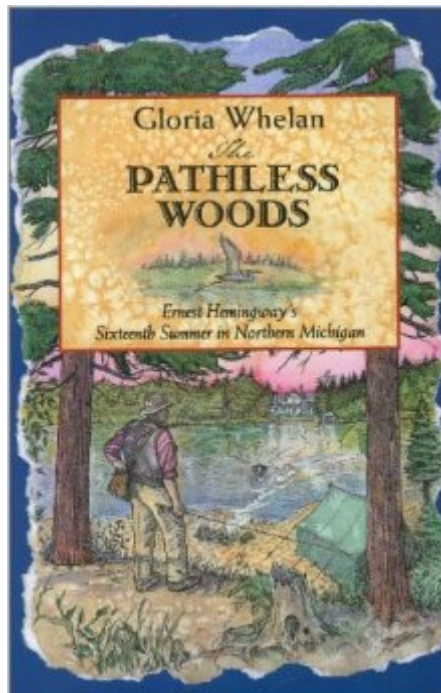


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# The Pathless Woods: Ernest Hemingway's Sixteenth Summer In Northern Michigan



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## Customer Reviews

Renowned Michigan author Gloria Whelan (*Homeless Bird*, *Angel on the Square*, *Once on this Island*) has imagined Ernest Hemingway's sixteenth summer in *The Pathless Woods*, a novel based on numerous biographical details of the real Ernest, including his family's summer cottage Windemere on Walloon Lake near Charlevoix. Ernie is precariously perched between adolescence and adulthood, yearning for more independence and freedom from the strangulating closeness of his family's life in Oak Park, Illinois. In Oak Park, he's known as the promising high school sophomore who's a football player, boxer, cellist, debater, and member of the Glee Club, hiking club, and Christian Endeavor Society. Ernie, who writes for the school newspaper, has decided that he'd rather be a reporter than a doctor like his father. However, at Windemere, he simply becomes Ernie, a camper, fisherman, hunter, farmer, and lover of nature. Since the past summer, Ernie has set up camp in an isolated spot across the lake, yearning for space and a place to read and dream. Like his father, he's a good shot, but he's also hot-tempered and impulsive. He models his imaginary

exploits on novels such as James Fenimore Cooper's *The Deerslayer* and imagines himself as a Native American brave, partly due to his infatuation with the beautiful Nina LaCoeur, a French-Canadian Indian. He also reads Teddie Roosevelt's *African Game Trails* and imagines himself on safari at his isolated camp in the woods. However, someone wants him gone. He returns to his camp on the first day to find that someone's destroyed his campsite. The remainder of the novel addresses his relationship with his family, particularly with his younger sister Sunny, his attraction to Nina, and his quest to discover who is stalking him in the woods.

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