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A Fascinating Friendship

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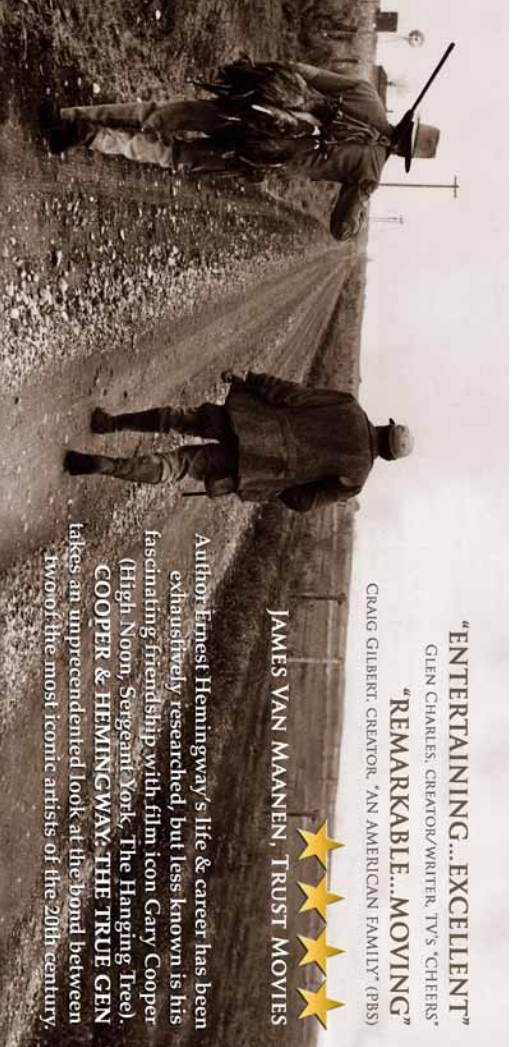
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Title: Cooper and Hemingway: The True Gen
Genre: Documentary
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Rating: NR
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In many ways it was the perfect match: Ernest Hemingway whose heroes personified his definition of courage--"grace under pressure"-- and Gary Cooper, the man who often portrayed those characters on screen.

Yet in other ways--politically, intellectually, and personally-- Hemingway and Cooper were a study in contradictions. The story of this extraordinary 20+ year friendship is the focus of this feature documentary.

The film, narrated by Sam Waterston, features interviews with such Hollywood & Literary luminaries as Kirk Douglas, Charlton Heston, George Plimpton, A.E. Hotchner, Elmore Leonard and Patricia Neal.

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"ONE OF THE FEW DOCUMENTARIES THAT CAPTURED THE COMPLEX MAN THAT WAS MY FATHER."

-Patrick Hemingway, son of Ernest Hemingway

"REMARKABLE...MOVING."

-Craig Gilbert, *PBS's An American Family*

"SUBJECT MATTER THAT HAS TIMELESS VALUE. IT'S MORE THAN HISTORICAL."

-Robert Becker, *Director*

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"GENUINELY GREAT...IN EXPLORING THE LIVES OF TWO LEGENDARY AMERICANS, THE DOCUMENTARY ALSO EXPLORED

THE HISTORY OF AMERICA IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY. I WAS ENTRALLED FROM BEGINNING TO END."
-Alphee McCourt, author, "A Long Stone's Throw"

COOPER & HEMINGWAY THE TRUE GEN

SYNOPSIS OVERVIEW

Cooper and Hemingway: The True Gen is an unprecedented look at the bond between two of the most iconic artists of the 20th century.

Though Hemingway's extraordinary life and career has been exhaustively covered, less thoroughly examined has been his fascinating friendship with another American legend, film icon Gary Cooper. ERNEST HEMINGWAY: Writer, war correspondent, international adventurer, lover, drinker, brawler. The tabloid reputation -- filled with truths, half-truths and flat-out untruths -- grows ever wider. If you made up a character like Ernest Hemingway, how many would believe it? The mercurial Hemingway left people enchanted, hostile, endeared, confused, charmed, bruised, engaged, bitter. He was an extraordinary, unforgettable presence. As more than one person remarked: "Hemingway sucked the air out of a room."

Utter opposites ... nothing is common. The cowboy and the suburbanite. The conservative and the liberal. And yet these two artists (a word both men scoffed at) were the best of friends, right up to their deaths a mere seven weeks apart in 1961. But is the friendship of these two men really so surprising?

A study of these two men is a study of the 20th century. Their internationally renowned careers (Cooper, two Best Actor Academy Awards; Hemingway, Nobel and Pulitzer Prizes) were played out over the same turbulent decades: the hedonistic 20s, the grim Depression 30s, the war-ravaged 40s, and the deceptively slumbering 50s; throughout, their public and private lives connected, parted, re-connected, intertwined, over-lapped, and collided. It is no small irony that the lives of these two men should suffer untimely ends at the dawn of the erupting sixties. Their final, poignant chapter closed at the beginning of a decade which would challenge many of the very ideals and precepts which both men so prominently represented.

And yet, decades later, we have Liam Neeson reflecting: "...the character of Bryan Mills (Taken) fits into a cinematic iconic figure that we all recognize from way back ... I'm thinking of Gary Cooper in High Noon, who is kind of a Bryan Mills. That kind of iconic figure that audiences seem to be attracted to."

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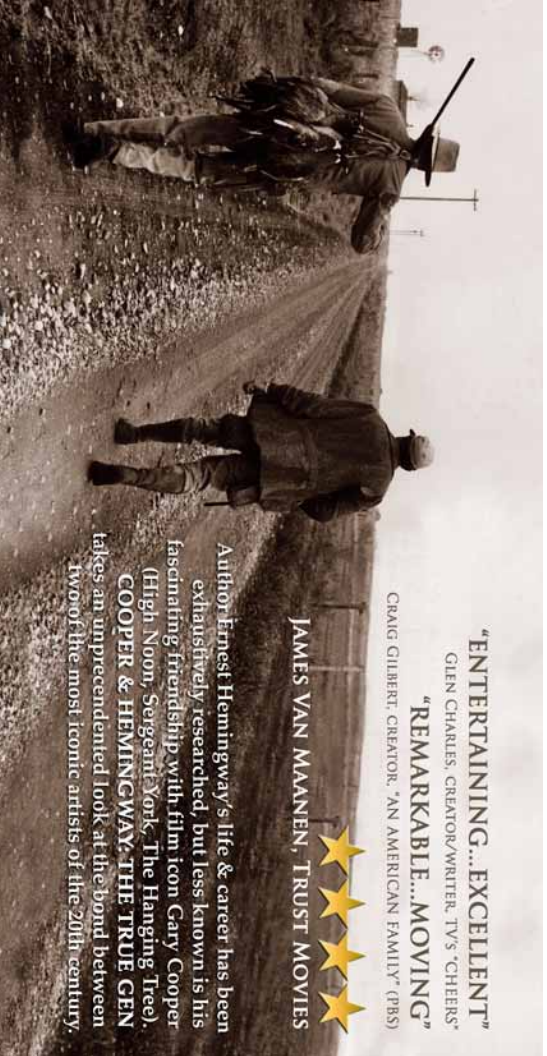
Narrated by Academy Award nominee Sam Waterston (Law & Order: The Killing Fields), COOPER AND HEMINGWAY: THE TRUE GEN offers an unprecedented look at the bond between two of the most iconic artists of the 20th century. Featuring interviews with legendary actors, historians and members of the Hemingway family, including:

- ☐ **KIRK DOUGLAS** (Spartacus, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea). One of the American Film Institute's Greatest Screen Legends in American History
- ☐ **CHARLTON HESTON**, Academy Award Winner, Best Actor (Ben-Hur, The Ten Commandments, Touch of Evil)
- ☐ **ROBERT OSBORNE**, film historian and actor, Host, Turner Classic Movies
- ☐ **GEORGE PLIMPTON**, American Journalist and Founder, The Paris Review
- ☐ **PATRICIA NEAL**, Academy Award Winner, Best Actress (Breakfast at Tiffany's, The Day the Earth Stood Still)

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With never seen before photos and footage (in HD) from the Gary Cooper estate and JFK Library in Boston, **COOPER AND HEMINGWAY: THE TRUE GEN** looks back at the fascinating and unlikely friendship of Ernest Hemingway and Gary Cooper.

From 1940, when they first met, until their untimely deaths a mere seven weeks apart in 1961, Cooper and Hemingway connected, collided, clashed, and reconnected in Idaho, New York, Cuba and Paris.

Seen against the panorama of a turbulent American Century, **COOPER AND HEMINGWAY** is more than the story of a unique friendship; it is an exposition of the changing ideals of what defines a hero, what acts can be called courageous and what defines the sometimes fragile ideal of masculinity.

Ernest Hemingway: *"Coop is a fine man, as honest and straight and friendly and unspoiled as he looks. If you made up a character like Coop, nobody'd believe it."*

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Or Kathiss Everdeen, the hero from The Hunger Games. For all the modern trappings, the extraordinarily courageous and selfless Kathiss is really just a female updating of the Hemingway/Cooper hero. She's Robert Jordan. She's Will Kane.

To understand Ernest Hemingway and Gary Cooper is to understand both the genesis of Kathiss Everdeen and why she and other contemporary characters represent what they do to audiences today.

Perhaps Cooper and Hemingway didn't really pass the torch, perhaps they merely leant it.



ON THE IMPACT OF ERNEST HEMINGWAY AND GARY COOPER:

"Among my biggest literary influences would be For Whom The Bell Tolls. Robert Jordan is an inspiration to me."
 -PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

"Gary Cooper was ... a phenomenon - his ability to take something and elevate it, give it such a dignity ... Cooper was such a presence."
 -AL PACINO, actor

"Hemingway: Those sentences just knock me out."
 -JOAN DIDION, author

"In the first film to win the Academy Award for Best Picture, WINGS, we see the future of screen acting in the form of Gary Cooper. He does something mysterious with his eyes and shoulders that is much more like 'being' than 'acting'."
 -TOM HANKS, actor

"Robert Jordan was everything I ever wanted to be. I was thrilled by him."
 -SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

"High Noon is my favorite movie. Any time you're alone and feel you're not getting the support you need, Gary Cooper's Will Kane becomes the perfect metaphor."
 -PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

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Why Ernest Hemingway & Gary Cooper?

Director's Note

John Mulholland

Raylan Givens, the hero in Elmore Leonard's hit TV series Justified, is frequently compared by other characters to Gary Cooper. Such as:

Randall to Raylan Givens: "I'm gonna put a limp in that Gary Cooper walk."

And with good reason, as the NY Times noted:

"Raylan, the shoot-first, anti-authoritarian sex symbol descended from both Gary Cooper & James Dean ..."

Tony Soprano on Gary Cooper: "What ever happened to Gary Cooper? The strong, silent type. He was an American."

Who is this man, this Gary Cooper, so admired by Tony Soprano, of all people?

Or consider: "High Noon is my favorite picture. And Gary Cooper is my favorite actor."

- President Dwight Eisenhower

"High Noon is my favorite film of all time. I've always been most proud of Gary Cooper for how he handled himself. He is still my favorite."

- President William Clinton

President George W. Bush on ex-Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi telling him: "You're like Cooper. I said, I'm like Cooper? He said, Yes, I finally figured out what he meant."

Three U.S. Presidents, decades apart, hardly politically in synch, and yet, on one issue they are: Gary Cooper.

And consider this, three admiring actors:

"In only one scene in the first film to win the Academy Award for Best Picture, WINGS, we see the future of screen acting in the form of Gary Cooper. He is quiet and natural, somehow different from the other cast members. He does something mysterious with his eyes and shoulders that is much more like being than acting." - Tom Hanks

"Gary Cooper was our favorite, growing up. Sergeant York, that's what we wanted to be." - Clint Eastwood



"I had dreams - fantasies really - about acting. I watched Gary Cooper as a boy. That's who I wanted to be."

- Djimon Hounsou (Blood Diamond, Amistad, In America) Benin, West Africa

Hounsou first glimpsed his destiny in the Gary Cooper films that filled the small rural theater in his childhood in the 1970s.

Who is this actor, this Gary Cooper?

How about this: Donna Karan, Ralph Lauren, Bill Blass, and Ghentony are hardly alike in their fashion statements. Yet, all four are in agreement in the most influential male fashion influence in the 20th Century. Yup, Gary Cooper.

And when Peter Wood needed an American ideal to represent dignity, manliness and wisdom in contrast with today's bitter, angry social and political landscape in his book, *A Bee in the Mouth Anger in America Today* (pub. Jan. 4, 2007), he chose none other than Gary Cooper.

Why Ernest Hemingway & Gary Cooper Directors Note Cont.

Just who is this Gary Cooper, anyway!

Which is exactly what Ernest Hemingway asked himself when he met Cooper in 1940 in Sun Valley, Idaho: "Can Cooper be this real? Nobody can be this real. Nobody can be this natural."

And while we're on Hemingway, what about him, today, from our perspective?

"Robert Jordan is one of my literary heroes. I go back to For Whom The Bell Tolls a lot. Along with Shakespeare, it is one of my favorites."

- President Barack Obama

My favorite character, my ideal, really, is Robert Jordan in 'For Whom The Bell Tolls'. Hemingway really understood what it is to be a man, in every sense of the word."

- Senator John McCain

Gary Cooper, of course, played Jordan in the 1943 film. Interestingly, as Hemingway's son Patrick, says: "My father had Cooper in mind when he was fashioning that character."

"Ernest Hemingway influenced more contemporary authors than any other writer. By far. Including me." - Elmore Leonard

"We didn't just want to write like Hemingway. We wanted to live like Hemingway!"

- Robert Stone

"Hemingway was my ideal. As a writer and as a man who lived life to the fullest."

- Gene Hackman

"Hemingway is my favorite."

- Tom Stoppard

Nor is Hemingway's appeal limited to actors and writers. Consider this: Decades after his death, he is still the most popular tourist attraction in Cuba. And in Key West, too. A mere writer!

Who are Ernest Hemingway and Gary Cooper? And why do they still resonate, more than half-a-century after their deaths?

- John Mulholland, Writer/Director

ON THE IMPACT OF ERNEST HEMINGWAY AND GARY COOPER:

"Even someone like me, who didn't operate consciously under Hemingway's shadow, was still touched by Hemingway's shadow. He had an enormous influence on male writing in America, and his echoes ... are to be found almost everywhere."

- JONOT DIAZ, author

"Gary Cooper was the perfect image for our campaign to get people to vote. We'd never had free elections in Poland. I am always so touched when people ask me to autograph that image of Gary Cooper from our campaign poster."

- LECH WALESZA, President of Poland, Nobel Peace Prize

"Hemingway created the whole idea of the anti-fascist hero. I mean you can't really have Casablanca and Humphrey Bogart and all those characters without the Hemingway character. They all kind of derive from Robert Jordan."

- ROBERT STONE, author

"Cooper put his whole career on the block in the face of the McCarthyite witch-hunters who were terrorizing Hollywood. He was subjected to a violent underground pressure campaign by John Wayne and others aimed at getting him to leave the film... But Cooper believed in me... He was the only big one who tried."

- CARL FOREMAN, screenwriter, director, producer (High Noon)

PRODUCTION CREDITS

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Sam Waterston

Voice of Ernest Hemingway
Len Carhou

Additional Voices
Norma Crawford

Writer/Director
John Mulholland

Executive Producer
Craig Gilbert

Producer
Richard Zampella

Original Music
Byron Janis

Arranger/Original Music
Peter Calandra

Consultant
Maria Cooper

Consultant
Patrick Hemingway

Director of Photography
Alex Eaton

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Charles DeBoid
Brian Miklas

Editor
William Welles

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Richard Zampella

Associate Producer
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The Gary Cooper Estate
JFK Library, Hemingway
Collection

On Camera Participants
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Rosemarie Burwell
Nancy Comely
David Douglas Duncan
Kirk Douglas
Nancy Dyer
Peter Duchin
Anthony Duke
Jonathan Foreman
Brian Garfield
C.Z. Guest
Jim Harrison
Jack Hathaway
Patrick Hemingway
Mrs. Jack Hemingway
Sean Hemingway
A.E. Hotchner
Donald Hyatt
Maria Cooper Janis
Stuary Kaminsky
Elmore Leonard
Pia Lindstrom
A.C. Lyles
Forest "Duke" Macmullen
Peter McCrea
Lee Clark Mitchell
Peder Munsen
Patricia Neal
Robert Osborne
Father Gene Phillips
George Plimpton
Stephen Prince
Dean Rehberger
Richard Schickel
Richard Shepherd
Burd Schulberg
Richard Smiten
Larry Swindell
Robert Stack
Rene Villareal
Tim Zimmemann

SCREENINGS:

The Quad Cinemas, NYC
Lammele Playhouse, CA
Sun Valley, ID
JFK Library, Boston
Virginia Tech, Virginia
Sedona Film Festival, AZ



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COOPER & HEMINGWAY THE TRUE GEN CREATIVE TEAM

JOHN MULHOLLAND

Writer/Director
John Mulholland is currently working on a documentary on Hollywood's favorite author Elmore Leonard. Among Mulholland's other documentaries: On Mabel, Eastern European Composers, Charles Dickens And A Christmas Carol, Liza Minnelli On Meet Me in St. Louis, and As Time Goes By: The Children Remember Casablanca.

He also wrote and directed both Inside High Noon (narrated by Frank Langella), on the behind-the-scenes political controversy over the making of High Noon, and Of God & Country: Sergeant York (narrated by Liam Neeson). Mulholland served as the host of the online program, ICONS RADIO HOUR.

RICHARD ZAMPPELLA

Producer
Zampella also produced Sergeant York: Of God & Country. He also produced over 50 episodes of the ICONS RADIO HOUR. He is currently working on a documentary on author Elmore Leonard with John Mulholland.

A native of northwest New Jersey, Zampella is founder and Managing Partner of Transmultimedia, Inc. Richard has over 20 years of experience in technology, entertainment, licensing & marketing related fields

While on active duty with The United States Army, Zampella was stationed at the U.S. Intelligence Center and School at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. He spent ten years as an intel analyst with HQ Co. of The 50th Armored Division at Fort Dix, NJ.

CRAIG GILBERT

Executive Producer
Craig Gilbert: Created and produced such documentaries as: Margaret Mead's New Guinea Journal, The Triumph Of Christy Brown, An American Family, William Carlos Williams, etc.

PATRICK HEMINGWAY

Consultant
Patrick Hemingway is Ernest Hemingway's second son and the last living son. He was the first born to Hemingway's second wife Pauline Pfeiffer. During his childhood he travelled frequently with his parents, and then attended Harvard University, graduated in 1950, and shortly thereafter moved to Africa where he lived for 25 years. In Tanzania, Patrick was a professional big-game hunter and for over a decade he owned a safari business. In the 1960s he was appointed by the United Nations to the Wildlife Management College in Tanzania as a teacher of conservation and wildlife.

MARIA COOPER

Consultant
Maria Cooper Janis is an artist with a special interest in parapsychology. She is married to noted concert pianist Byron Janis, and together they are involved in several charities, among them Pro Musics, the American Arthritis Foundation, and the Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders on Human Survival. Mrs. Janis has contributed to several television documentaries about her father.

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3.5 OF 4 STARS

Cooper & Hemingway: The True Gen ★★½
 (2014) 138 min. DVD: \$39.95 (\$399 w/PR), Passion River, Cloud captioned.

Hollywood idol Gary Cooper was cast as the lead in a slightly bowdlerized 1932 Paramount adaptation of Ernest Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms* and wound up becoming a lifelong friend of the iconic author, despite their superficial differences in politics and temperaments. According to writer-director John Mulholland, the easygoing, quiet, well-liked, and modest Cooper and the hemptonous, fiercely competitive Hemingway (who had famous feuds with bar writers but evidently considered the actor no person threat) helped define American manhood in their era and brought out the best in each other. "Coop" was the one person who could drop in unannounced on the Hemingway household, or correct "Papa" on his boorish behavior. Weeks after Cooper's death from cancer in 1961, the ailing Hemingway shot himself. Mulholland's mealy eulogy of the lives of these two icons—who had long planned a cinematic project together but never managed to bring one to the camera—nearly mutes his film and literary criticism with gossip, and assumes viewer familiarity with, for instance, *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *High Noon*. Occasionally, the narrative gets tangled up in film minutiae, verging on the nerdish (Indiana Jones is Cooper-inspired? Really?), and the documentary-like *True Gen* might have benefited from tighter editing, but it is especially passionate about restoring both Hemingway and Cooper to the artists' pantheon from which detractors (mostly feminists in Hemingway's case; "method" actors in Cooper's) have often tried to demote them. Narrated by Sam Waterston, the roll-call of on-camera interviewees who have since died is an A-list itself: Charlton Heston, Elaine Leonard, Budd Schulberg, Patricia Neal, Robert Stack, George Plimpton, and producer David Brown. DVD extras include deleted scenes and text production notes. Highly recommended. **Aud: C, P, C, C** (Cassidy)



Genderline Ferraro: Paving the Way

★★★½
 (2014) 86 min. DVD: \$89 public libraries & high schools, \$295 colleges & universities, DVD: *The Video Project*, JFK, Closed captioned.

In 1984, Geraldine Ferraro (1935–2011) became the first woman to run on a major American political party's presidential ticket. As the Democratic nominee for vice president and running mate to Walter Mondale, she broke ground for her gender in politics, but also faced unprecedented attacks aimed at her ethical and moral fitness as a candidate. *Paving the Way* traces Ferraro's story, from her childhood, education, and marriage up through her early career as a Queens prosecuting attorney specializing in child-abuse cases and sex crimes, followed by three terms in the House of Representatives, focusing on the 1984 campaign, the film illustrates the political savvy and persona that made Ferraro a success; she was known for her Italian-American working-class background and her ability to work well with Congressional Republicans, but Ferraro's 1984 effort was hampered by assertions—alleged here to have been spearheaded by Nancy Reagan—of improprieties in her and her husband's finances, and by pro-life demonstrations and admonitions from Catholic leaders who felt her pro-choice stance betrayed her faith. Footage from the Democratic convention and her debate with then Vice President George H.W. Bush highlight her political

skills and the excitement generated by her candidacy. An extensive interview conducted with Ferraro after her 1998 cancer diagnosis is interwoven with news footage and family comments, along with remarks from journalists and political figures including Bill and Hillary Clinton, George H.W. and Barbara Bush, Mondale, Madeline Albright, and Nancy Pelosi. Highly recommended. **Aud: C, P, M, Puffer, R** (Hendry)

Inheritance

★★★½
 (2012) 27 min. In English & Farsi w/English subtitles, DVD: \$20 (\$150 w/PR), Center for Asian American Media.

Film-maker Aggie Brahami Barzaz, an American woman of Iranian descent, also narrates this account of her family's life in the United States. In the 1970s, her mother, Parosoo, married an engineer with ties to the U.S. After moving abroad, the couple had a son, but when the regime changed, they moved back to Iran, where Aggie was born. In 1988, Parosoo and her children settled in America, expecting the father to join them, but he never did. Instead, he returned his wife's dowry to the family and took up with another woman. From what Barzaz can determine, he started other families, and didn't stay with any of them for very long, but she has no theories about his serial abandonment (he also appears to have cheated on Parosoo during their marriage). Throughout, Barzaz peppers her mother with questions, because she believes that her father's absence has contributed to her difficulty in establishing relationships, but Parosoo doesn't want to live in the past. Regardless, she's saved every remnant of her marriage, from letters to home movies. While an interesting story, lies at the center here, Barzaz undercuts the emotional potential by consistently focusing the camera on hands and backs instead of faces, which feels both distancing and distracting. Still, *Inheritance* does have value as a psychological study of an inquisitive daughter and an unsentimental mother. A strong optional purchase. **Aud: C, P, K, Hennessy**

JFK: The Private President

★★★½
 (2013) 53 min. DVD: \$24.95, *First Run Features* (avail. from most distributors), Closed captioned.

"It's not what you are. It's what people think you are," said Joseph Kennedy Sr., father of John F. Kennedy, commenting on the significance of image in American politics. The difference between image and reality is at the heart of filmmaker Kathryn Steinhilber-Begeher's *JFK: The Private President*, which serves up archival footage—both public and personal—that underscores what life was actually like for the late president and his family during his 35 months in the White House. No new dark secrets or scandals are revealed here, Kennedy's extramarital affairs are touched



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Gary Cooper and Ernest Hemingway in a documentary, directed by John Mulholland. By ALBY WEBSTER. Published: October 10, 2013

Gary Cooper and Ernest Hemingway: two models of American virility, had similarities, not least as outdoorsmen: Cooper grew up on a farm in Montana, and Hemingway was a big-game hunter and deep-sea fisherman. But they were also a study in contrasts: Cooper worked with movie crews; Hemingway labored alone. Cooper was understated and conservative; Hemingway volatile and a liberal. The mix, as John Mulholland's exhaustive documentary "Cooper & Hemingway: The True Gen" demonstrates, made for a friendship spanning decades.

More About This Movie
 "The true gen" (Hemingway's military shorthand for "genuine information") suggests Cooper's economical acting style, which dovetailed with Hemingway's less-is-more writing philosophy. Cooper had starred in Hollywood's adaptation of Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms" (1932) before the men first met in Idaho in 1940. Hemingway later insisted that Cooper be cast in "For Whom the Bell Tolls" (1943). After a

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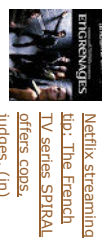
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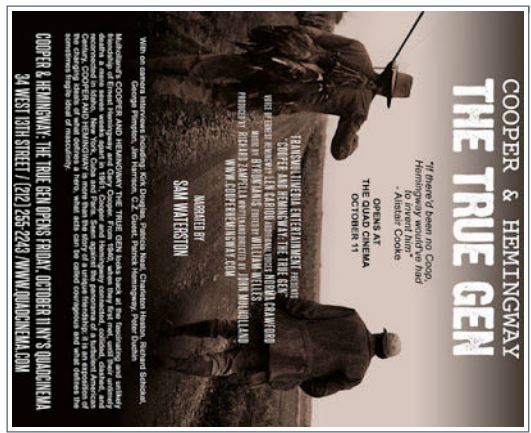
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More than five years in the making (the filmmaker evidently began work on this documentary back in 2008



COOPER & HEMINGWAY: THE TRUE GEN begins like one of those old westerns many of us loved -- with the camera gliding gracefully over hills and canyons, and the opening credits rolling by in a lovely, old-time typeface. "The True Gen," by the way refers to a phrase Hemingway coined to explain that something was real, as opposed to a phony. He undoubtedly used it about his friend Cooper, and I think you'll use it about this movie, too -- written and directed by John Mulholland. So full is the film of interesting anecdotes about the two men, along with interviews with friends, family, movie people, popular authors influenced by Hemingway and academics who appear to have spent their lives studying him -- all this accompanied by a treasure trove of visual material that works near-perfectly with the film's narration (well spoken in his ready tenor voice by Sam Waterston) -- that the movie comes remarkably close to a "you-were-there" experience.



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What Cooper & Hemingway does especially well is give us what seems like the "whole" of these men. While the film exhibits great appreciation and love for them and their work, it is not afraid to go into the darker areas. Mr. Mulholland has chosen his anecdotes supremely well to give us a growing sense of who these men were, together with some of the forces that made them this way. We learn a lot of about their marriages: several for Hemingway, only one for Cooper (although it seems he rarely met a leading lady he didn't fuck, but in the most gentlemanly fashion. Everyone evidently fell in love with this guy).



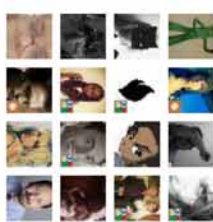
For all this, the movie never seems salacious. Theme-wise, it concentrates most on the idea of American manliness -- which both these icons would seem to represent. In the early 20th Century, along with the coming of industrialization and office work also appeared to arrive a more feminized male. Coop and Hem, in their images at least, kept this at bay, though it became clear that Hemingway's was more of a "front" than that of Cooper's, with his grew-up-on-a-ranch background. Still, the movie insists, both men's public image was a kind of shell game.

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We learn something of their politics -- Coop was conservative, Hem more liberal -- and their women, too, especially Mary, Hemingway's last wife, and Cooper's "Rocky," who proved strong enough to withstand his assignations -- though his approaching-a-permanent one with **Patricia Neal** almost undid their marriage. We hear from some of the children, as well, several of whom have piquant tales to tell -- especially Cooper's daughter Maria and Hemingway's son Patrick.



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Hemingway as a prevaricator is given full swing, too, though I wish the filmmaker had spent a little more time on just why, as he tells us, the writer came back from World War II so sick and unhealthy. Hemingway did not really see any action (he was considered by our government too valuable to waste in combat), though he is said to have invented certain of his WWII tales. Throughout, the writer comes off as supremely talented and pretty much an asshole as a person (the anecdote about how Cooper gets his friend to give a very necessary apology is succulent indeed).



We see how the wave of success crests and falls for both men, and how their comebacks -- **The Old Man and the Sea**, **High Noon** -- were almost simultaneous. As were their deaths: Hemingway's suicide followed Cooper's death from spreading prostate cancer by only weeks. Mr. Mulholland does not make this claim, but the viewer cannot help but wonder how much the loss of his best friend added to Hemingway's terrible depression.

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The filmmaker must have worked on this project for quite a few years, as many of the people he interviewed are now dead -- from Ms Neal, **Charlton Heston** and **Jack Hemingway**, all long gone, to **Elmore Leonard** and Paramount's **A.C. Lyles**, both recently departed. Overall, this movie made me even fonder of the work of Cooper (I'll want to see some of his movies again soon), while finally beginning to understand and better appreciate Hemingway, at least as a complicated personality.



Cooper & Hemingway: The True Gen -- from **Transmultimedia Entertainment** and running 143 minutes, not one of which I would have wanted to miss -- opens today in New York City at the **Quad Cinema**, but won't hit the L.A. area until Friday, December 6 (at **Laemmle's Playhouse 7**).

Film explores the lifelong friendship of Ernest Hemingway and Gary Cooper

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BLACKSBURG, Va., Feb. 2, 2015 — Writer and director John Mulholland will be joined by producer Richard Zampella, for a free screening of their documentary “Cooper and Hemingway: The True Gen”² on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The event, which is free and open to the public, begins at 7 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre, located at 135 College Avenue in downtown Blacksburg. A question and answer session will follow the screening.

With never seen photos and footage from the Gary Cooper estate and John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, “Cooper and Hemingway: The True Gen” looks back at the friendship of writer Ernest Hemingway and actor Gary Cooper.

From 1940 when they met until their deaths just seven weeks apart in 1961, Cooper and Hemingway “connected, collided, clashed, and reconciled in Idaho, New York, Cuba, and Paris,” according to the film’s promotional materials.

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The 130-minute film, narrated by Sam Waterston, features interviews with Kirk Douglas, Charlton Heston, George Plimpton, and Patricia Neal.

Mulholland also wrote and directed “Inside High Noon” and “Of God & Country: Sergeant York.” Other documentaries include “On MacBeth,” “Eastern European Composers,” “Charles Dickens and A Christmas Carol,” “Liza Minnelli on Meet Me in St. Louis,” “Reflections on Gaslight,” and “As Time Goes By: The Children Remember on Casablanca.”

Zampella has produced numerous works by Mulholland including “Sergeant York: Of God & Country” and over 50 episodes of ICONS Radio Hour. He is the chief executive officer of MODA Entertainment and has worked with The Museum of Modern Art and Starwood Hotel Corporation.

Free parking is available in the Squires Lot, located at the corner of College Avenue and Oley Street, and in the Architecture Annex Lot on Oley Street. Find more parking information [online](#)³. Alternative parking is available in the Kent Square parking garage or the Farmers Market metered parking lot, both located on Draper Road.

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Movie Review: *Cooper & Hemingway: The True Gen*

WHERE AMERICA'S WRITERS READ

Exploring a Famous Friendship Opens Door to an Era of Very Different Fame

By Molly McCreary

The True Gen—an expression used by Ernest Hemingway to describe these days. Woody Allen crafted a story about a washed-up man traveling back in time to meet Hemingway and his last, legendary companion in *Midnight in Paris*. Cleve Owen and Nicole Korman starred as Hemingway and his third wife, Marjorie, both in *Hemingway and Gellhorn*. Paula McLain wrote *The Paris Wife*, a fictional retelling of Hadley Hemingway’s time as Hemingway’s first wife.

And now there’s *Cooper & Hemingway: The True Gen*, a documentary by John Mulholland chronicling the long friendship of Hemingway and mythical actor Gary Cooper—known as Papa and Coop to their friends. The film opens with quotes by important writers and politicians—President Barack Obama, John McCain, former President Bill Clinton, Tom Stoppard, Joan Dixon, Junot Diaz—asserting the influence these two legends had on their individual lives, collectively sending the message that everything in life ultimately goes back to Ernest Hemingway and Robert Jordan, the character Cooper played in the film version of *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. It’s an assertion the film essentially proves by connecting them to everyone from Elmore Leonard to Indiana Jones.

And that’s a fitting beginning to a film that details what it was like to be a famous writer and actor in the 20th century. What’s interesting is that, though the same is still true of actors, it’s not as true of writers, and as a result this documentary serves as a glimpse into a time that appears to be gone—a time when writers had a real voice, a time when writers were as celebrated as actors, when writers were so well known that journalists wrote about it every time they hit the local pub or went on a fishing trip, often embellishing and exaggerating to fulfill the fantasies the public had created about writers such as Hemingway. Yes, we have our Stephen Kings and JK. Rowlings today, but beyond that, writers aren’t really household names anymore, and they certainly wouldn’t be mobbed at a bullfight the way Hemingway was in his later years. In that sense, this film feels like an ode to another era, an era when you had to be famous for doing something rather than for just being someone. This celebrity wasn’t something Hemingway or Cooper seemed to mind either, both of them cultivating tough guy images and hiding their intellectual sophistication. At one point in the film, Cooper complains about the press running an untrue story about Hemingway getting in a bar fight, but Hemingway scoffs, claiming the stretch helped his image.

It also, in some ways, feels like an ode to a different kind of man, a man—the film’s voice-over claims with obvious longing—we don’t see anymore: strong, silent, rugged, masculine, even mad. The kind of man epitomized by Hemingway and Cooper, but even though the film makes that point—sometimes that offensively—the footage and letters and interviews actually characterize these two men as sensitive and thoughtful rather than overly brutish, supporting their friendship as a relationship based on trust, loyalty, supportiveness, and intimacy rather than a bond formed over fishing and hunting or drinking and carousing. In fact, Hemingway’s image as an obsessive sportsman is challenged when it’s explained that, more than anything else, Hemingway was consumed by books, traveling with a small library and often looking himself away for hours to read and write even while vacationing with Cooper and their wives. Hemingway’s image as a lover of war is refuted, too, when one interviewee insists, “the hated war” and claims Hemingway didn’t like to talk about his time in WWII—this

despite the fact that other interviewees talk of how often the younger Hemingway engaged his involvement in WWII. But apparently after witnessing first-hand the bombing of Normandy, Hemingway, became disinterested with war and refused to talk about it with anyone.

He did, however, discuss his relationship with Cooper, writing, “Cooper and I have the same style; less is more. We don’t ‘split it all out.’ They also share a dislike of talking about their past, believing it ‘emptied the well.’” Though Hemingway’s letters make it seem like the two were friends because they had so much in common, the film demonstrates that their connection was just as much based on their differences as well as their similarities.

They were, of course, opposites on the surface—Hemingway a liberal from the Chicago suburbs, Cooper a conservative from Montana, Hemingway short, squat, and disheveled; Cooper tall, slim, and handsome. Hemingway was honest, too, about liking Cooper because the wasn’t a writer and obviously not a threat either. And though Hemingway was somewhat moody—the talked frequently about his “black-ass” moods—he saw Cooper as a calming influence. On one notable occasion, Hemingway lost his temper with a hotel employee who had interrupted him while writing, but Cooper wouldn’t stand for that kind of behavior, making Hemingway apologize and act civilized, leading the viewer to believe that Hemingway was drawn to Cooper for his cool demeanor as much as his maleness.

And their ability to help each other went both ways.

Hemingway criticized Cooper for his philandering and talked his friend into returning to his wife after a prolonged fling with actress Patricia Neal, advice Cooper took, saving his marriage. This image of Hemingway as the pro-narrative intermediary directly challenges the one often put forth in the media of a misogynistic womanizer who changed wives with every decade. Instead, in this film Hemingway is shown to be a thoughtful man who regretted the mistakes that had led to the end of his own marriages and hoped to avoid such issues in the future.

Hemingway is also, notably, portrayed as having the same concerns as other writers, obsessing over his work to the point of being miserable. As he once said about himself, “I have to be happy, and obsession is terrible.” He was also intensely jealous of his contemporaries—so much so that he often picked fights with younger writers to assert his dominance over them. He was haunted by the idea of failure and plagued with insecurities about his writings—often making depressing statements about his career out one side of his mouth while lambasting awards committees that hadn’t chosen his work out of the other side. Like many writers, he worked on too many projects at one and sometimes missed his deadlines and rage him. He despised Hollywood but understood, too, that film would change the way people saw stories. And he was frustrated with what he saw as his publisher’s inability to market and promote his work, writing his own promotional letters. In other words, he was as anxious as any other writer, always worrying about whether or not he had it in him to write another great book. Honestly, the Hemingway depicted in this film makes the writer feel relieved to know he suffered from the same issues the rest of us do, in that way and many others. *The True Gen* offers viewers a story not merely about Hemingway and Cooper but about what it means to be human—the dreams of youth, the tentative steps into adulthood, the self-doubt and restlessness that follow early accomplishments, the wisdom that comes with maturity, and the fear of death that accompanies aging.



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