

A Farewell to Arms: Discussion



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- Later, he and Catherine run to such a place (Switzerland); what’s the meaning beyond the words?

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- Is it relevant today?

A right way, a wrong way, and a Hemingway

