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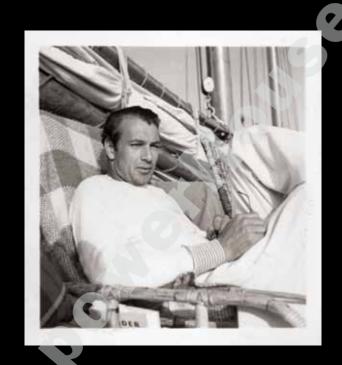
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When I was growing up, the movies opened up a world that I had never dreamed of-and I walked right in. That's where I ran into one of my favorite movie stars, Gary Cooper. When Cooper played a cowboy you really believed he was a cowboy, and when he played an international man of sophistication, he was just as believable. That had a real effect on me, and was what I found so interesting about him. He was at home in either role and always convincingly authentic. There weren't many actors that could do that, which is why Gary Cooper was not only the biggest star of his time, but also the definitive "American" movie starhandsome, honorable, honest. Who else could have played the great American baseball player Lou Gehrig in *The Pride* of the Yankees or World War I's most decorated American soldier in Sergeant York?

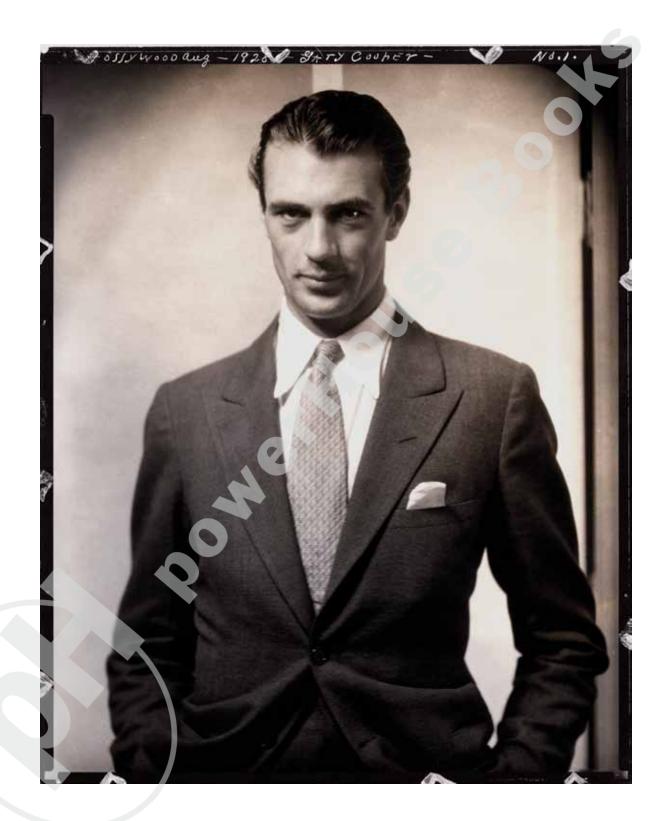
The real-life Gary Cooper was just as authentic. He had an ideal American look—unstudied yet refined, natural, and playful. There was a charm about him in the way he didn't take himself too seriously. He had that sort of "aw shucks" attitude, plus a look that was all about quality, and a way of dressing that was very much his own. I always admired his nonchalance, his casualness. He could go hunting with

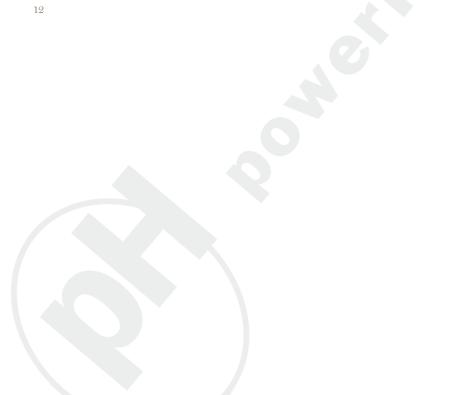


Hemingway, skiing with Clark Gable, joke around with Pablo Picasso, and hobnob with royalty. And he was able to be Audrey Hepburn's leading man when she was barely thirty and he was fifty-five. Like the title of this book, Gary Cooper's style is enduring. He had a timeless aesthetic we can't help but appreciate—a floppy white handkerchief in the pocket of an impeccably cut jacket, a flying tie, a soft collared shirt, an old felt hat, and a warm smile. Men and women alike loved him because he was rugged and charming at the same time.

I only wish I'd met him.

RALPH LAUREN







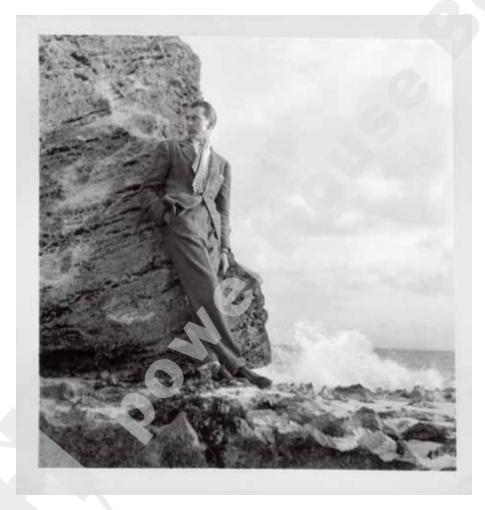














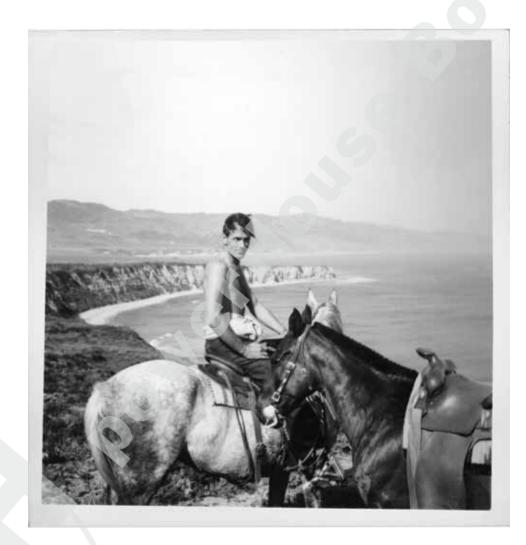
Gary, Point Dume, California, 1934











Gary, Malibu, California, 1937

















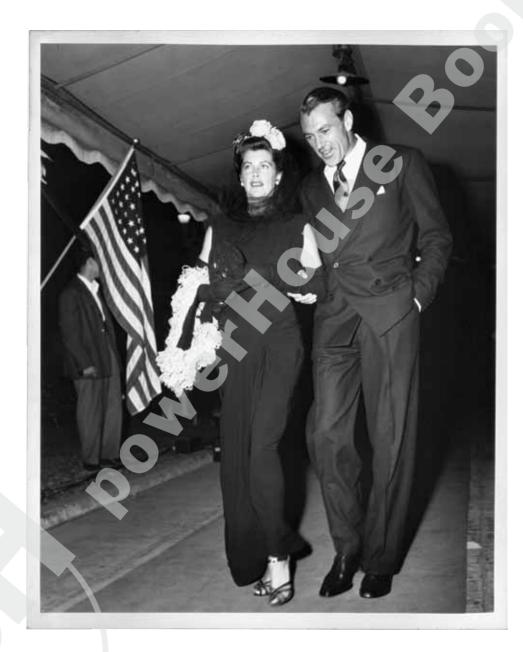
Gary, Van Nuys, California, 1934











Rocky and Gary, Los Angeles, California, 1939





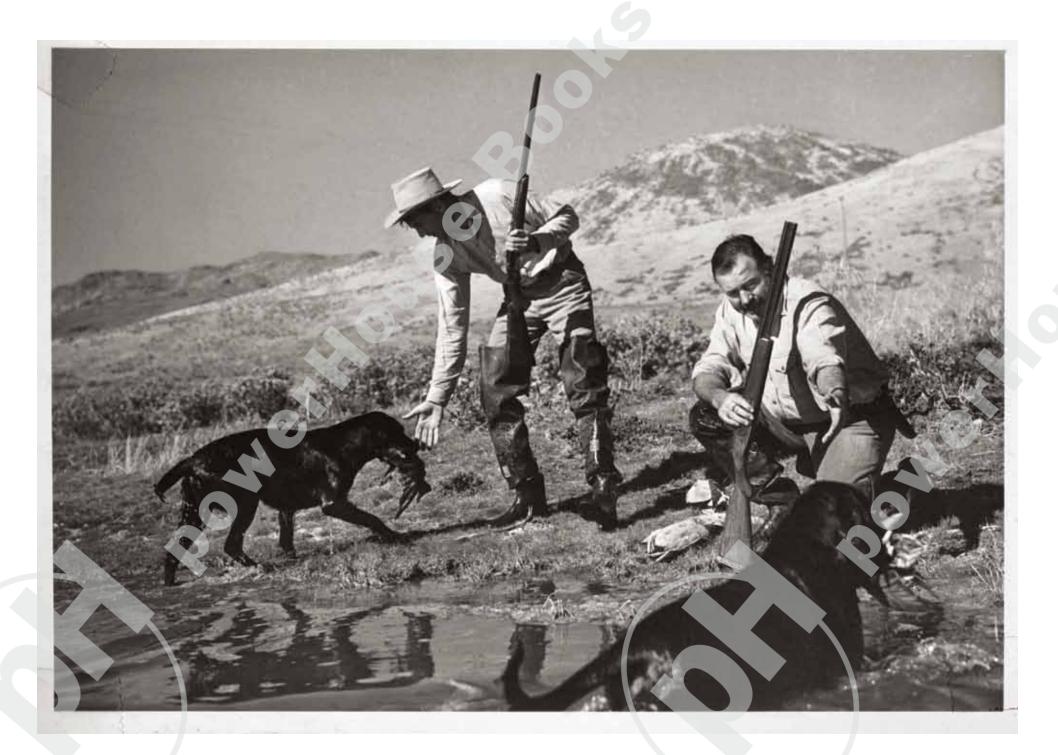


Above: Gary and Rocky Opposite: Rocky, Southampton, New York, 1934















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Left to right: Maria, Veronica Shields (Gary's mother-in-law), Gary, Pablo Picasso, and Rocky, Villa La Californie, Cannes, France, 1957

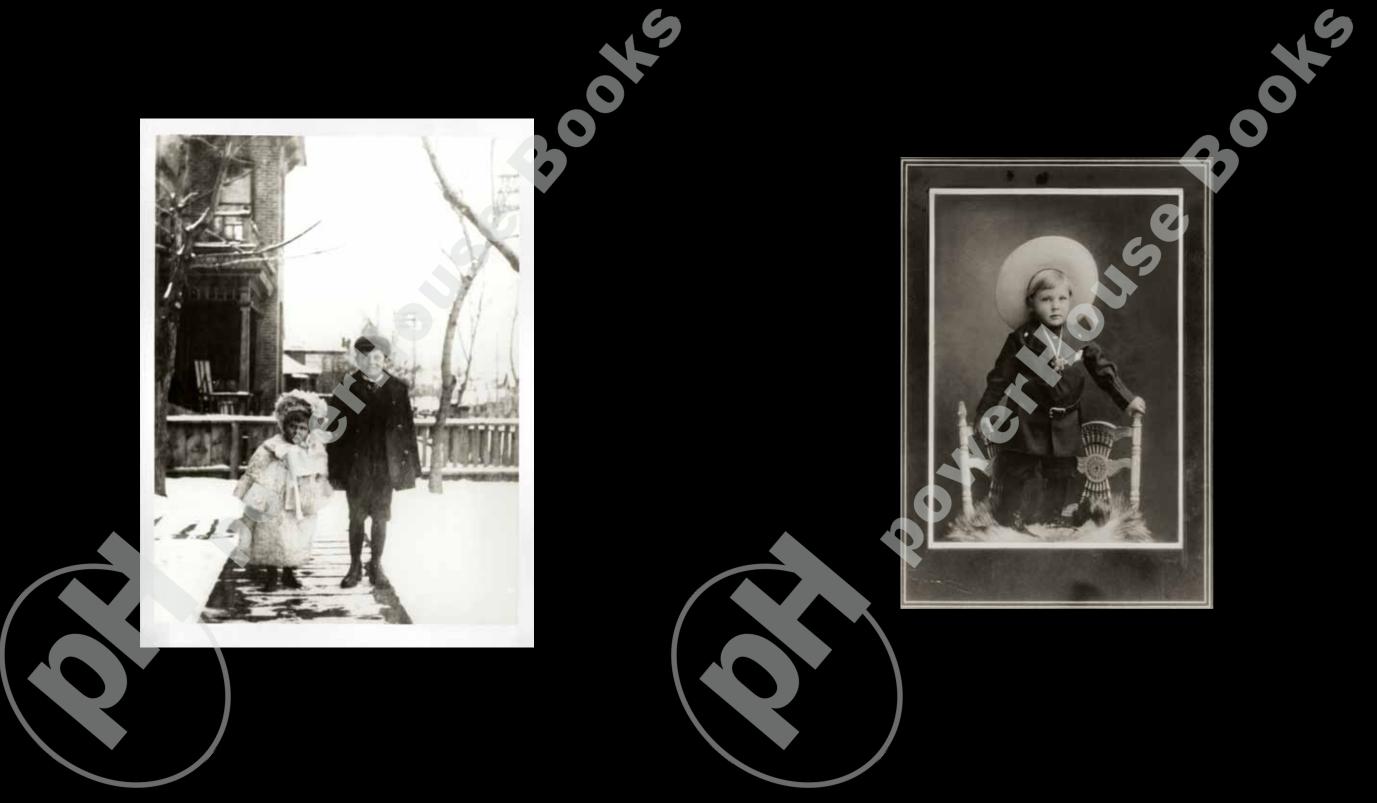








Gary (on left) with friends, Helena, Montana, 1909



Gary, Helena, Montana, 1904

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