NERO WOLFE OF WEST THIRTY-FIFTH STREET

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The Life and Times of America's Largest Detective
Ground Floor of Nero Wolfe’s House

Dining room

Pantry

Elevator

Office

AG’s desk

NW’s desk

Bathroom

Front room

Alcove

Kitchen

Front door

West Thirty-fifth Street

Stairs up

Stairs down

D to garden
A Chronology of Nero Wolfe

“To Whom It May Concern: I hereby state and acknowledge
that on Saturday, January 29, 1966 . . .”

—The Killer, Death of a Doxy

Late 1892 or early 1893  Nero Wolfe and his twin
brother, Marko, born in Trenton, New Jersey.

Late 1890s or early 1900s  Wolfe’s mother returns to Eu-
 rope, taking Nero and Marko
with her. She settles in Budap-
est, with occasional trips to
Zagreb and Albania, marries a
man named Vukcic, has a third
child. Nero and Marko herd
goats, “hunt dragonflies” in the
mountains.

Late 1911 or early 1912  Marko, after working in Paris,
returns to the United States.

Wednesday, October 23, 1912  Archie Goodwin born on a
farm in Ohio.

1913  Wolfe is given a position in
the Austro-Hungarian civil
service. He soon enters the in-
telligence service of the Em-
pire, goes to Catalonia on a
confidential mission; the chase
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<td>1914–1915</td>
<td>Wolfe becomes involved in a desperate episode in the Balkans, is jailed in Bulgaria, switches his allegiance to Montenegro, joins the Montenegrin army.</td>
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<td>1916</td>
<td>Wolfe “starves to death” when the Serbo-Montenegrin army is wiped out, “fighting machine guns with fingernails.”</td>
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<td>1917–1918</td>
<td>The AEF lands in Europe and Wolfe walks 600 miles to join the American troops. He claims to have killed 200 Germans during this period. He is honorably discharged from the American forces, probably in France.</td>
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<td>1918–1920</td>
<td>Wolfe “moves around.” He eventually returns to the Balkans, where he “sheds another illusion.”</td>
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<td>1921</td>
<td>Wolfe, now in Montenegro, adopts the three-year-old orphan girl, Anna. Thinking he is leaving her in good hands, he returns to the United States.</td>
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<td>1922–1928</td>
<td>For Wolfe, these are the Missing Years, those in which he may have journeyed much, read a great deal, and generally improved his knowledge of the world. He returns eventually to the United States. In 1927, even before he goes into prac-</td>
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tice as a private detective, he has a clash of some kind with Inspector Cramer.

Marko, who during this period married and lost Dina Rossi in London, returns to the United States and establishes Rusterman's restaurant in New York City.

1929

Wolfe goes back to Europe, visits Zagreb to learn the whereabouts of Anna, gets thrown into jail again, is given ten hours to leave the country. He returns to the United States.

1930

Wolfe buys the old brownstone house on West Thirty-fifth Street, hires Archie Goodwin as his assistant, enters upon his career as a private detective.

1930–1933

The Longren case.
The Fashalt case.
The Goldsmith case.
The Williamson kidnaping.
The Very Neat Blackmailing case.
The Moschenden case.
The Diplomacy Club business.
The Pine Street case.
The case of the Guy Named Hallowell.

1931

The first Anthony D. Perry case.

Late 1932–early 1933

The Bannister-Schurman business.
The Hay Fever case.
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The Fairmont National Bank case.

Wednesday, June 7–Wednesday, June 21, 1933


June 1933–October 1934

The case of the Whittemore Bonds.
The case of the Hardest Guy to Deal With.
The case of the Highly Unremunerative Mission.

February 1935

The Unrecorded Incident That Convinced Archie He Should Always Carry a Gun.

Friday, November 2–Monday, November 12, 1934


Monday, October 7–Wednesday, October 9, 1935


Monday, March 30–Saturday, April 4, 1936


Monday, April 5–Friday, April 9, 1937


July 1937


Monday, September 12–Thursday, September 15, 1938


November 1938

The Crampton-Gore case.

1938

Wolfe during this year gets his first knowledge of X.

November 1938


Late 1938–early 1939

The Wetzler case.
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Friday, July 14–Sunday, July 16, 1939
Where There's a Will, published in book form in 1940.

1940
Another Missing Year.

Thursday and Friday in March 1941

Monday, August 18–Wednesday, August 27, 1941

Early 1942
Archie, now Major Goodwin, straightens out the mess down in Georgia.

Monday–Wednesday in early March 1942

Wednesday, June 9, 1943
X telephones Wolfe for the first time.

Monday, August 9–Tuesday, August 10, 1943

Tuesday–Friday in May 1944

Thursday–Saturday in October 1945

A Tuesday in October 1945

Before March 1946
The Chesterton-Best affair.
The Boedikker case.

Tuesday, March 26–Saturday, April 6, 1946

April 1946
The Fremont case, and X's second phone call to Wolfe.
Monday, October 7–Tuesday, October 8, 1946


Tuesday, March 18–Saturday, April 5, 1947


Monday, June 9–Tuesday, June 10, 1947


Saturday, March 18–Saturday, April 3, 1948


Tuesday, July 6–Thursday, July 8, 1948


Sunday, December 5–Tuesday, December 7, 1948


Thursday, June 16–Monday, June 27, 1949


Sunday, August 14–Wednesday, August 17, 1949


Thursday, April 6–Friday, September 8, 1950


Friday, Monday–Wednesday in March 1950


January or early February 1951

The Little Mix-Up with a Gang of Hijackers.
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Monday, February 19—Monday, March 12, 1951


Tuesday, July 31—Monday, August 6, 1951


Summer 1951

The Pendexter case.


Monday—Wednesday in the winter of 1951—1952


Monday, June 24—Monday, June 30, 1952


A Friday in the latter half of 1952


A Wednesday in October 1952


Tuesday, May 19—Friday, May 29, 1953


A Wednesday in the latter half of 1953


Thursday, March 11—Friday, March 19, 1954


Tuesday—Wednesday in May 1954


Summer 1954

Wednesday—Thursday in late 1954 or early 1955


Tuesday, April 12–Tuesday, April 19, 1955


Saturday, August 6–Thursday, August 11, 1955


Autumn 1955

The Lamb and McCullough insurance case.


Monday–Tuesday in early 1956


Monday, April 9–Monday, April 16, 1956


Wednesday, July 4–Thursday, July 5, 1956


Tuesday–Monday in the spring of 1957


Monday, May 20–Tuesday, June 4, 1957


October 1957

The Stolen Bottweil Tapestries.

Wednesday, December 20–Saturday, December 23, 1957


Monday, January 5–Tuesday, January 6, 1958

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Tuesday, January 5—Friday, January 15, 1965  

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Thursday, August 17—Friday, September 8, 1967  

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