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“Full of charm, a very personal charm, and humor.” (The Nation)

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About the Author

Gertrude Stein, born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, in 1874, is a renowned American writer, poet, and art collector. The author of more than a dozen books and countless works of criticism, Stein died in France in 1946.

Adam Gopnik has been a staff writer for The New Yorker since 1986. He has published many books including *Paris to the Moon*. He lives in New York City.

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