

INTRO TO "NBC PRESENTS: SHORT STORY- THE LOTTERY"

Broadcasting from Hollywood, this NBC Wednesday night drama anthology premiered on February 21, 1951 with an adaptation of "Fifty Grand" by Ernest Hemingway. The show offered dramatizations of contemporary short stories by famous American writers. The program was short-lived-- it only made it until May 30, 1952 and was always self-sustaining—meaning it had no sponsors-- but it certainly will remain memorable for having adapted some of the greatest American works from that period. Works from writers like William Faulkner, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Conrad Aiken, Sherwood Anderson, Stephen Vincent Benét, Ring Lardner, John Steinbeck, Ray Bradbury, Erskine Caldwell, and John Cheever.

Our penultimate selection for you tonight is a story written by Shirley Jackson and first published in *The New Yorker* in June of 1948. It has often been considered required reading for many grade school students since that time- and it still makes its point today.

From an NBC broadcast on March 14, 1951..... here is....."The Lottery".