

DOROTHY PARKER

# WHO IS DOROTHY PARKER?



- Born August 22, 1893 as Dorothy Rothchild in Long island, New Jersey
- Work on Vogue and Vanity Fair
- Founding member of the Algonquin Round Table
- Founding Board of Editors for the New Yorker
  - Harold Ross
- Poetry and Book Reviews
- Screenwriting, and Politics

# EXCERPT OF WOMEN: A HATE SONG

I hate Women.

They get on my Nerves.

There are the Domestic ones.

They are the worst.

Every moment is packed with Happiness.

They breathe deeply

And walk with large strides, eternally hurrying home

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To see about dinner.

They are the kind

Who say, with a tender smile, "Money's not everything."

They are always confronting me with dresses,

Saying, "I made this myself."

They read Woman's pages and try out the recipes.

Oh, how I hate that kind of women.

# THE ALGONQUIN ROUND TABLE



- Began in June 1919 as a joke against Alexander Wollcott.
- The “Vicious Circle”
- Algonquin Hotel
- By the 1930s, the circle faded.
- Parker’s Politics



# POLITICS AND THE BLACKLIST

- Pursued Screenwriting in Hollywood
  - Academy Award Nominations
- Political Activism and the Blacklist
  - Sacco and Vanzetti
  - Hollywood Anti-Nazi League (1936)
    - Investigation by the FBI
  - Unions
    - “Being against Hitler might be all very well, but [people against Hitler] were also on the side of the labour unions, and the studios didn't like people who were on the side of unions. ” ~ Alan Campbell