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by **Zane Grey (1872-1939)**

Zane Grey, born in 1872 in Zanesville, Ohio, was best known for his western stories, most notably *Riders Of The Purple Sage*. Among his other interests was baseball. He attended the University of Pennsylvania on a baseball scholarship where he earned a degree in dentistry. Grey later played minor league baseball with a team in Wheeling, West Virginia. Grey died from a heart attack in 1939 in Altadena, California.

In *The Shortstop* (1909), drawing on his baseball experience Grey follows the adventures of seventeen year-old Chase Alloway on his quest to make his fortune as a baseball player and lift his family out of poverty. Along the way young Chase encounters hardship and setback. But with perseverance he discovers not only himself, but friendship and love.

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Photograph of Zane Grey on the
Penn baseball team (1895)



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