Zane Grey Chronology

1872  Born Zanesville, Ohio, January 31, Pearl Zane Gray the fourth of five children born to Lewis Gray and Alice Josephine Zane Gray

1878  Enters Moore Street Grammar School

1890  Family moves to Columbus, Ohio. Family last name spelling is changed to “Grey”

1892  Plays baseball for Delphos, Ohio. Attends University of Pennsylvania on a baseball scholarship

1896  Graduates the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry. Plays summer ball for the Orange Athletic Club, Orange, New Jersey

1897  Continues to play baseball for Orange Athletic Club

1897-1899  Practices dentistry in Newark and East Orange, New Jersey with another dentist to gain experience in order for him to be certified to practice in New York

1898  Opens Dental Practice, 117 West Twenty First Street, New York City

1899  Visits Lackawaxen for the first time camping with R.C. Relocates his office to 100 West Seventy Fourth Street, New York City

1900  Plays for Orange Athletic Club. Meets Lina Elise Roth

1901  Leaves Orange Athletic Club in July for good

1902  Sells first article, “A Day on the Delaware” in May issue of Recreation Magazine,

1903  Completes first novel, Betty Zane. In June "Canoeing on the Delaware" appears in "Recreation Magazine"

1904  Writes Spirit of the Border. Drops "P" from name. Purchases three acres and house in Lackawaxen. Moves to Lackawaxen with mother and sister Ida
Father dies July 15th
Dolly begins to receive income from her father and paternal grandfather’s estate

1905
Writes The Last Trail
The Spirit of the Border accepted by A. L. Burt & Co.
Marries Lina Elise Roth (Dolly), November 21 in New York City

1906
Honeymoon trip to California, stops in Colorado and Arizona

1907
Travels to Tampico, Mexico
Meets C. J. "Buffalo" Jones
Travels to Arizona in March for six weeks
Writes The Last of the Plainsmen, rejected by Harper's
"The Leaping Tarpon's" appears in September issue of Shields

1908
The Last of the Plainsmen published by Outing Press
Travels to Arizona for two months in the spring
"Tarpon: The Silver King" printed and distributed by the Ward Steamship Line for promotion

1909
January 1909 1st installment of “Roping Lions in the Grand Canyon” appears in Field and Stream
Travels to Nassau, Cuba, Yucatan, and Mexico and writes another promotion pamphlet for the Ward Line
Writes “A Personal Note of Appreciation of These Nearby Lands”
Romer Grey born, October 1
The Last Trail published by A. L. Burt & Co.
The Shortstop published by A.C McClurg & Co.

1910
The Heritage of the Desert published by Harper & Brothers

1911
Spends from Thanksgiving to March in a rented house in Atlantic City, NJ.
Writes Riders of the Purple Sage
The Young Lion Hunter published
First installment of “Down an Unknown Jungle River” appears in Field and Stream

1912
Rented an apartment in New York City for the winter
Riders of the Purple Sage published by Harper's
Elizabeth Zane Grey born, April 22
1913  Ken Ward in the Jungle published

February Zane travels to Long Key, FL
April travels to Utah, first visits the Rainbow Bridge and returns to Lackawaxen the end of May
Dolly purchases a house at 1010 South Street, Middletown, NY as a better place for the children

1913  Desert Gold published by Harper's

1914  The Light of the Western Stars published by Harper's
Fishes at Catalina, California; Long Key, Florida; Nova Scotia
Writes The Lone Star Ranger

1915  The Lone Star Ranger published by Harper's, top ten best seller
The Rainbow Trail published by Harper's
Loren Grey born, November 20

1916  The Border Legion published by Harper's

1917  Wildfire published by Harper's
Writes the U. P. Trail and The Man of the Forest

1918  The U. P. Trail published by Harper's, number one best seller
Riders of the Purple Sage, Rainbow Trail and The Border Legion made into motion pictures
Moves to California

1919  Travels to Death Valley
The Desert of Wheat and Tales of Fishes published by Harper's

1920  Man of the Forest published by Harper's, number one best seller
Commissions cabin built on Tonto Rim in Arizona

1921  The Mysterious Rider published by Harper's, top ten best seller

1922  To the Last Man, Day of the Beast and Tales of Lonely Trails, published by Harper's

1923  Wanderer of the Wasteland and Tappens Burro published by Harper's

1924  Purchases yacht "Fisherman" in Nova Scotia
Call of the Canyon and Roping Lions in the Grand Canyon, published by Harper's
1925 Explores Galapagos Islands
The Thundering Herd, The Vanishing American and Tales of Fishing
Virgin Seas
Writing sales earn $575,000
Sails for New Zealand, December

1926 Fishes in New Zealand
Tales of the Angler's Eldorado -New Zealand and Under the Tonto Rim, published by Harper's

1927 Fishes in New Zealand
Tales of Swordfish and Tuna and Forlorn River, published by Harper's

1928 Fishes at Tahiti
Nevada, Tales of Freshwater Fishing, Don, The Story of a Lion Dog, Wildhorse Mesa and Zane Grey: The Man and His Works, published by Harper's

1929 Fishes at Tahiti
Fighting Caravans published by Harper's

1930 Fishes at Tahiti
Buys yacht, "Fisherman II"
The Wolf Tracker and The Shepherd of Guadeloupe, published by Harper's

1931 Spends over $300,000 refitting "Fisherman II"
Sails to Fiji, runs out of money, returns home
Sunset Pass, Zane Grey's Book of Camps and Trails and Tales of Tahitian Waters, published by Harper's

1932 Writes The Young Runaway, The Lost Wagon Train and Thunder Mountain
Visits Boulder Dam
Arizona Ames and Robber's Roast, published by Harper's Book sales fall off with the "Great Depression"

1933 The Drift Fence and The Hash Knife Outfit, published by Harper's
Writes Boulder Dam, unable to sell serial rights

1934 The Code of the West, published by Harper's

1935 Thunder Mountain, published by Harper's
1936  Fishes in Australia
The Trail Driver and The Lost Wagon Train, published by Harper's

1937  Suffers sun stroke at North Umpqua River, Oregon, returns to Altadena home
West of the Pecos, published by Harper's

1938  Returns to Australia
Raiders of the Spanish Peaks, published by Harper's

1939  Knights of the Range and Western Union, published by Harper's
Dies; 7:30 a.m. October 23 at Altadena, California home

Over twenty titles published after his death