

# Nellie Bly

*A Brief Chronology*



**1864**

**BORN**

Elizabeth J. Cochrane, later known as “Nellie Bly,” is born in Cochran Mills, Pennsylvania. Her father dies when she is 6.

**1882**

**HIRED**

After moving with her family to Pittsburgh, Bly sees an article in *The Pittsburgh Dispatch* that enrages her. She writes a letter to the editor, signing it “Lonely Orphan Girl.” The editor asks to meet her—then hires her as a reporter.

**1887**

**HIRED (AGAIN!)**

Bly is hired at *The New York World*, a publication famous for its yellow journalism.

**1890**

**SUCCEEDS!**

Bly beats the fictional Phileas Fogg’s record—in Jules Verne’s *Around the World in 80 Days*—by circumnavigating the globe in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds.

**1895**

**MARRIES**

Bly marries Robert Seaman, a millionaire industrialist, in Chicago.

**1904**

**PERSEVERES**

After Seaman’s death, Bly takes over his financial empire, but theft within the company nearly destroys it, and Bly returns to journalism.

**1922**

**DIES**

Bly dies of pneumonia at age 57 in New York City.