

A black and white portrait of Dorothy Parker. She is wearing a large, dark, wide-brimmed hat and a dark jacket. She has short, dark hair and is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression.

## Today in History

*August 22, 1893*

▲ U.S. writer and satirist Dorothy Parker was born. On the subject of suicide she wrote: “Guns aren’t lawful; nooses give; gas smells awful; you might as well live”

**1850:** The first patent for a mechanical refrigerator was issued, for a “Process for the Artificial Production of Ice”

**1968:** Pope Paul VI began the first ever papal visit to Latin America

**1991:** Boris Yeltsin saluted 100,000 supporters celebrating the collapse of a hardline coup against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev

**2012:** After 19 years of negotiations, Russia became the newest member of the World Trade Organisation