

**CHRONOLOGY OF ST AUGUSTINE**  
*THE CONFESSIONS*  
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***BOOK ONE***  
**Fifteen years, 354-369, Birth to age 15. THAGASTE, MADAURA**

year	age	
354	birth	<b>THAGASTE</b> (Souk Ahras, Algeria). Born November 13
355	0/1	Father: Patricius, poor town-councillor
356	1/2	
357	2/3	
358	3/4	
359	4/5	
360	5/6	Begins school at Thagaste around this time.
361	6/7	Julian emperor 361-363.
362	7/8	Romanianus, a rich friend from boyhood. VI, 14
363	8/9	
364	9/10	
365	10/11	
366	11/12	
367	12/13	
368	13/14	
369	14/15	<b>MADAURA.</b> University at Madaura [Brown, 38]

***BOOK TWO***  
**One year, 370, age 15/16. THAGASTE**

year	age	
370	15/16	<b>THAGASTE.</b> At home in Thagaste from Madaura, while Patricius collects money for Carthage. The pear-tree incident.

***BOOK THREE***  
**Three years, 371-374, age 16-20. CARTHAGE**

year	age	
371	16/17	<b>CARTHAGE.</b> Goes to Carthage, takes a mistress. Patricius dies [III,4]. Adeodatus conceived ca. June 371 or June of 372
		Adeodatus
372	17/18 /0	Adeodatus born ca. March [IX, 6] [373? Brown]
373	18/19	0/1

374 19/20

1/2

Reads Cicero's *Hortensius* before July, 374 [VIII, 7].  
*Becomes a Manichean*, until 381. Now or next year reads  
Aristotle's *Categories* [IV, 16]

**BOOK FOUR**  
**Six years, 375 to 381, age 20 to 27**  
**THAGASTE, CARTHAGE**

year	age	Adeodatus	
375	20/21	2/3	<b>THAGASTE.</b> Teaches at Thagaste. Alypius listens in on his lectures.
376	21/22	3/4	Death of a friend. Returns to Carthage.
			<b>CARTHAGE.</b> [IV, 7, fin.]
377	22/23	4/5	Alypius' experiences [VI, 7-9]
378	23/24	5/6	Alypius becomes his student [VI, 8]
379	24/25	6/7	
380	25/26	7/8	Writes <i>De Pulchro et apto</i> this year or next.
381	26/27	8/9	Nebriidius vs. Manichees [VIII, 2]

**BOOK FIVE**  
**Two years, 382-384, age 27 to 30**  
**CARTHAGE, ROME, MILAN**

year	age	Adeodatus	
382	27/28	9/10	Faustus, Manichean bishop, visits Carthage. Alypius leaves for Rome ahead of Augustine.
383	28/29	10/11	<b>ROME</b> [V, 8]. Attracted to Neo-Platonists.
384	29/30	11/12	<b>MILAN</b> [V, 13]. August: appointed professor in Milan, goes with Alypius [VI, 10]. Hears Ambrose and finally leaves Manichees [V, 14].

**BOOK SIX**  
**Two years, 385-386, age 30-32.**  
**MILAN**

year	age	Adeodatus	
385	30/31	12/13	Late spring: Monica arrives in Milan. Dismisses his mistress [of 371-385], plans marriage two years hence, takes another mistress. [VI, 15]
386	31/32	13/14	February to June 17: Arian affair in basilicas of Milan [IX, 7]. Emperor's mother, Justina, demands Ambrose surrender a basilica for use by Arians.

**BOOK SEVEN**  
**Two months, June and July, 386, age 31.**  
**MILAN**

year	age	Adeodatus	
386	31	14	June [Brown, 94, n.]: Reads Neo-Platonists. Late July [Brown, 105]: Visits Simplicianus.

Summer: Lung disease from overwork [IX, 2]

<b>BOOK EIGHT</b> <b>One month, August of 386, age 31.</b> <b>MILAN</b>
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year	age	Adeodatus	
386	31	14	August: Visited by Ponticianus. The conversion in the garden.

<b>BOOK NINE</b> <b>One year, August 386 to summer 387, age 31</b> <b>CASSICIACUM, MILAN, ROME, AFRICA</b>
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year	age	Adeodatus	
386	31/32	14	<b>CASSICIACUM</b> [Cassago]. September: retires to Cassiciacum. Three weeks post conversion [ch. 2] or "a few days" to autumn holidays" [ch. 1], November: <i>Contra academicos, De beata vita</i> December: <i>De ordine</i> Winter: <i>Soliloquia</i>
387	32/33	14/15	<b>MILAN</b> [IX,6]. March: return to Milan. Adeodatus just turned 15. April 24: Baptized. <i>De immortalitate animae</i> . Begins <i>De musica</i>
388	33/34	15/16	<b>OSTIA</b> . Ostia vision [IX, 10]. Death of Monica. Goes back to Rome. <b>ROME</b> . <i>De quantitate animae, De libero arbitrio</i> , I, <i>De moribus...</i> Latter part of year, sails for Africa. <b>AFRICA</b> .

## AFRICA

389	34/35	16/17	
390	35/36	17/18	
391	36/37	18/19	Becomes a priest at Hippo Regius.
392	37/38	19/20	
393	38/39	20/21	
394	39/40	21/22	
395	40/41	22/23	Becomes co-bishop of Hippo Regius.
396	41/42	23/24	Death of Adeodatus
397	42/43		
398	43/44		
399	44/45		
400	45/46		Begins <i>Confessiones</i> around this year.
401	46/47		
402	47/48		
403	48/49		
404	49/50		
405	50/51		
406	51/52		
407	52/53		
408	53/54		
409	54/55		
410	55/56		Sack of Rome.
411	56/57		
412	57/58		
413	58/59		Begins <i>De Civitate Dei</i>
414	59/60		
415	60/61		
416	61/62		Completes <i>De Trinitate</i>
417	62/63		
418	63/64		
419	64/65		
420	65/66		
421	66/67		
422	67/68		
423	68/69		
424	69/70		
425	70/71		
426	71/72		Finishes <i>De Civitate Dei</i> , 22 books.
427	72/73		<i>Retractiones</i> reviews works down to this year.
428	73/74		
429	74/75		
430	75		August 30, Augustine dies at Hippo as the Vandals besiege the city.

