

**SPOTLIGHT ON**

**FRIDA KAHLO**

**Stonewall**

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# Frida Kahlo

## (she/her)

**Frida Kahlo was born in Mexico in 1907.**

**She had two sisters.**



# Frida's illness

**When Frida was 6, she caught Polio.**

**Polio is an illness that effects a person's ability to walk.**

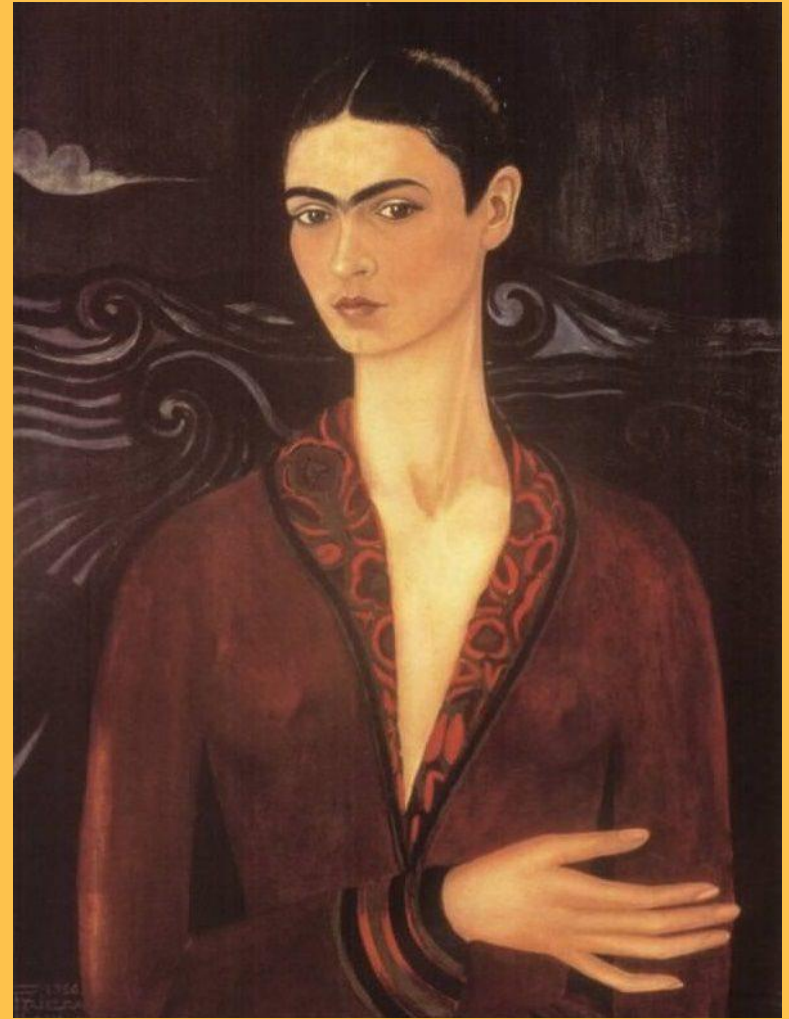
**Frida was bullied because of the way she walked.**



# Growing up

**When she was growing up, Frida had lots of interests.**

**She liked art and politics, but she wanted to be a doctor.**



# The accident

There was a bus accident in 1925 and Frida was badly hurt.

Lots of her bones were broken and Frida had to spend 3 months in bed.



## 3 months in bed

Frida did a lot of painting during her 3 months in bed.

She painted self-portraits and paintings of her friends and family.

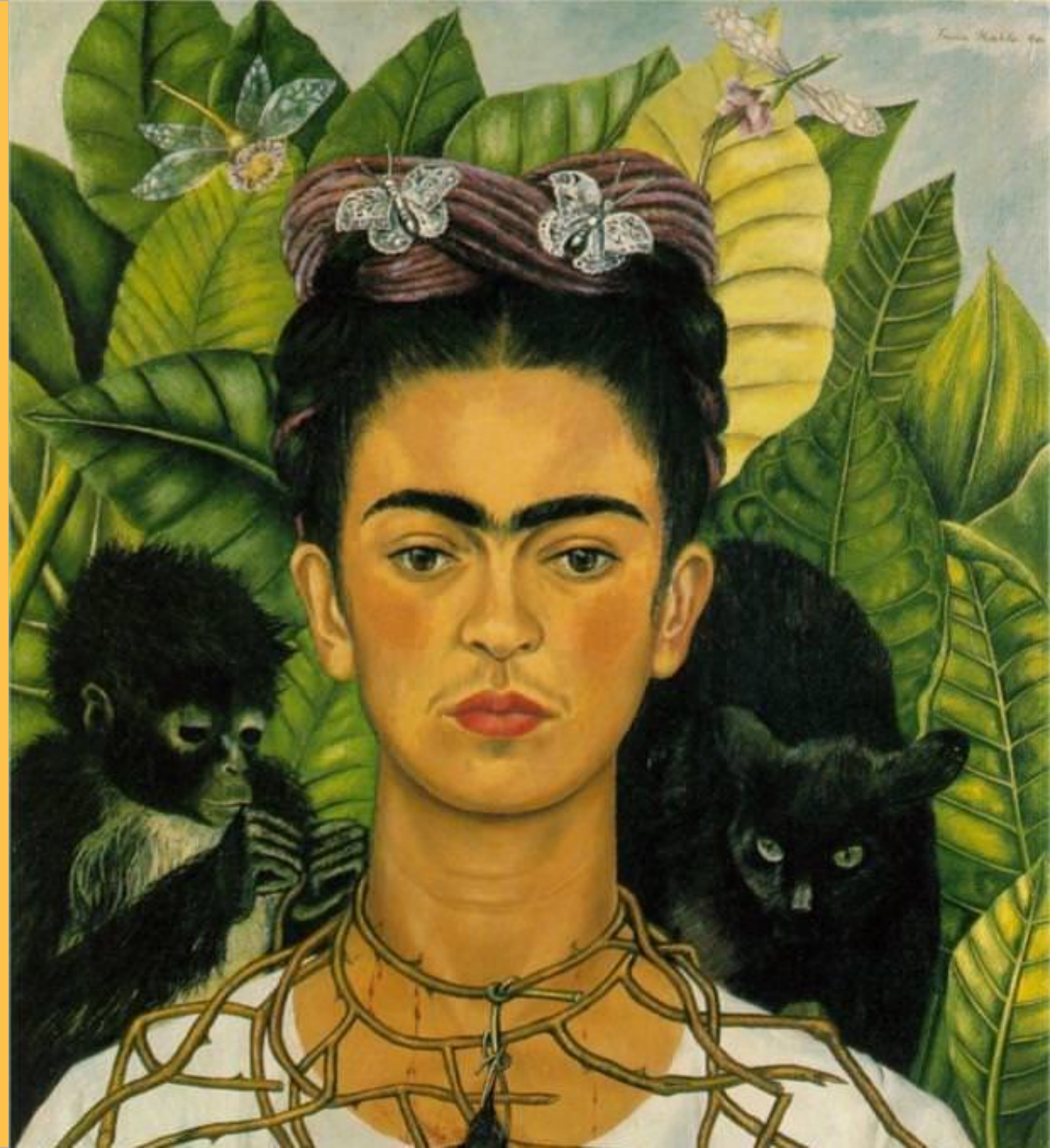


# An artist

**Frida became an artist.**

**She is famous for the way she painted with lots of bright colours.**

**Most of her paintings were self-portraits.**





# Art and love

**In 1929 Frida Kahlo married a man called Diego Rivera. Diego was also an artist.**

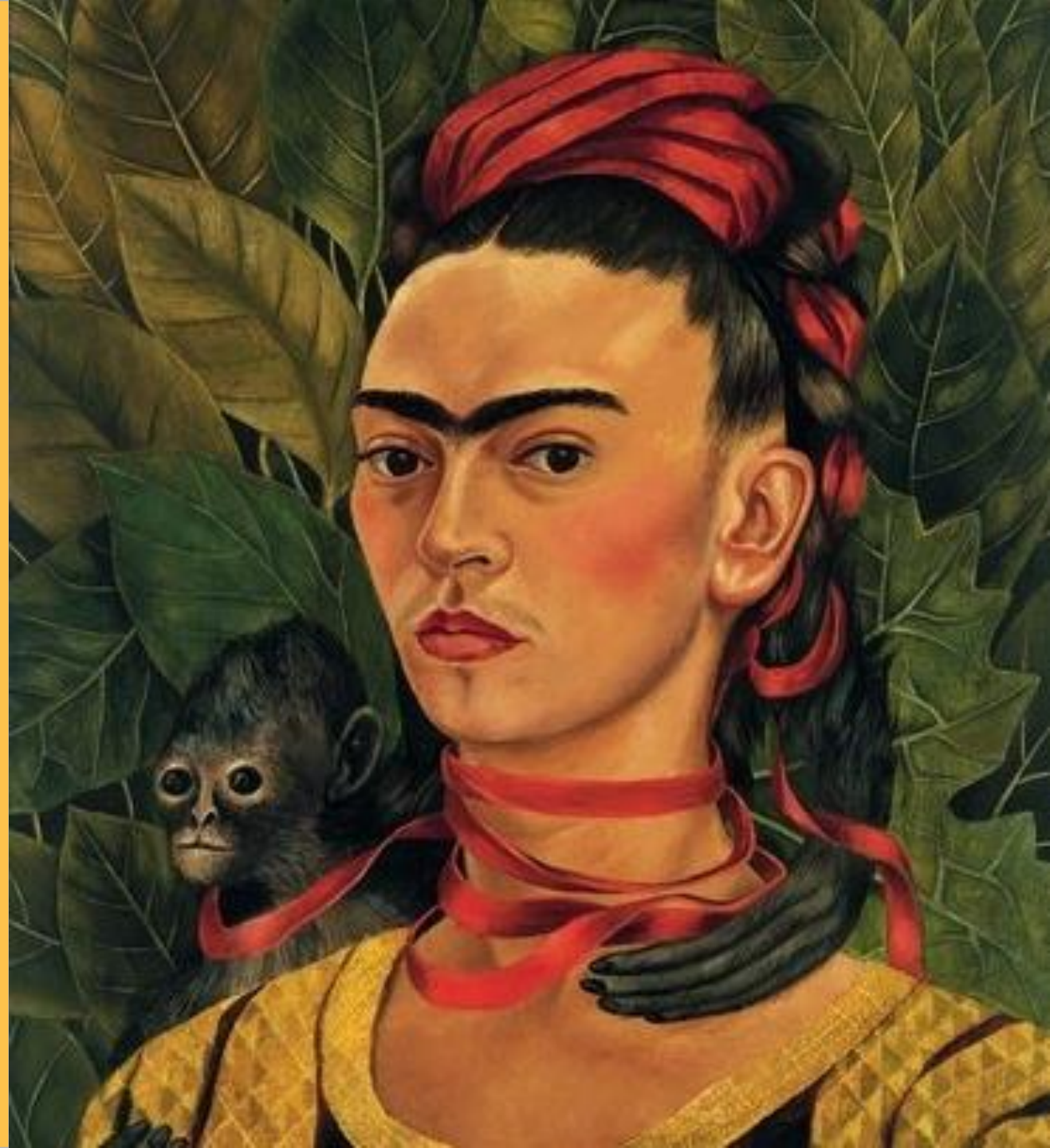
**Frida and Diego moved to America and lived there for years.**



# International success

**Frida's art started to get more popular.**

**Her work was shown in art galleries all around the world.**



# Change

**In 1939, Frida and Diego got a divorce and lived apart from each other.**

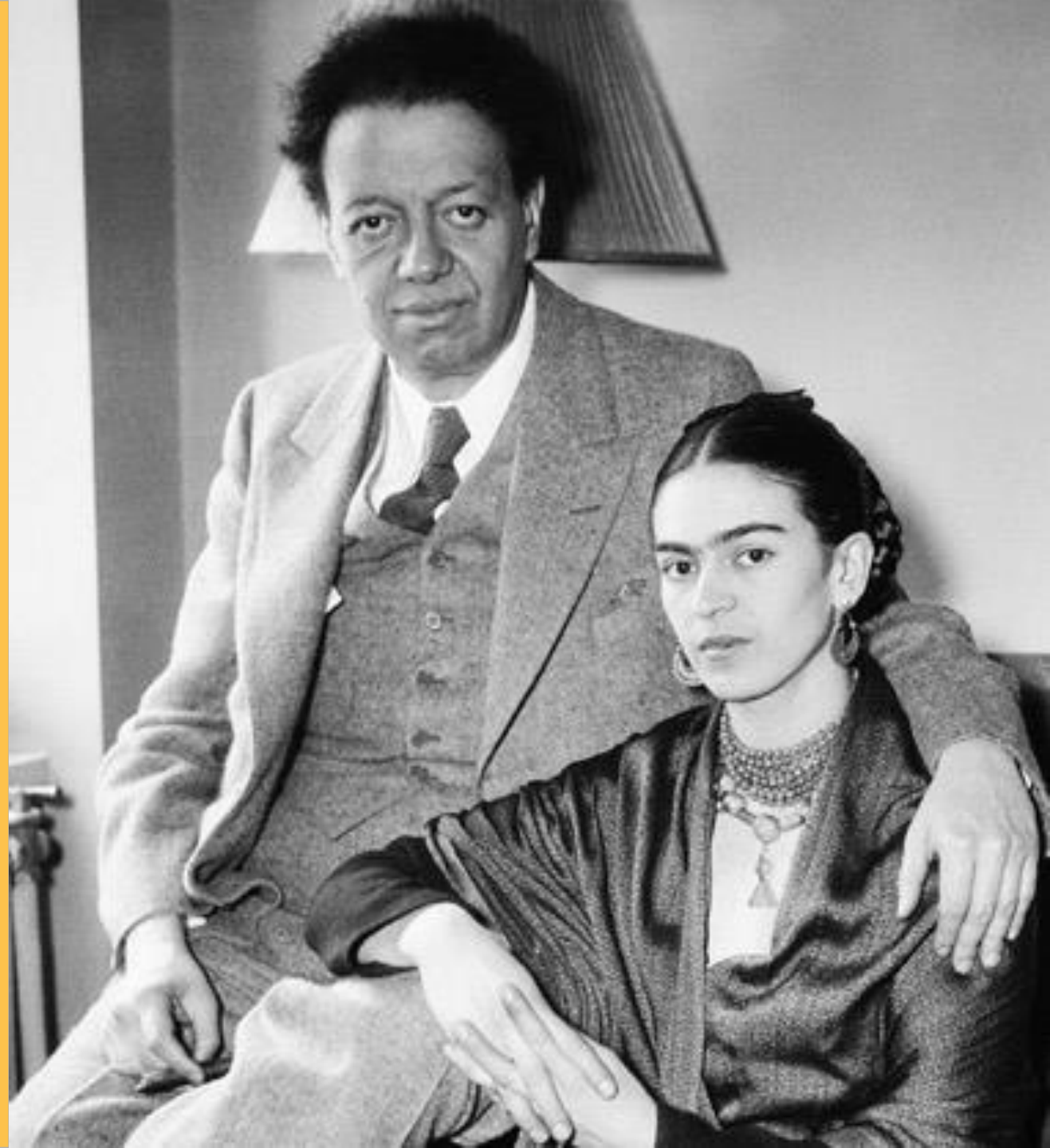
**After this, Frida had some boyfriends and she had some girlfriends.**



## Care and illness

**Frida kept being ill. She found it hard to leave the house.**

**Diego and Frida were still friends. He looked after her when she was ill.**



## Care and illness

**In 1954 Frida was very ill. She died when she was only 47.**

**Frida Kahlo's art is very popular because it gives people hope.**



**Do you like Frida's  
paintings?**