

APPENDICES

Summary of *The Great Gatsby*

Jay Gatsby, a wealthy young man who lives in the West Egg district of Long Island, is deeply in love with a beautiful woman called Daisy. Unfortunately, she is already married to Tom Buchanan. In order to get her back, Gatsby holds glamorous parties to impress her. He also asks Nick Carraway, his new neighbor, who is also Daisy's cousin, to arrange a meeting with her. Gatsby wants to reestablish their relationship and makes their love blossom again.

After a short time, Tom suspects his wife's relationship with Gatsby. Tom is deeply outraged although he himself is involved in an affair with Myrtle Wilson. He does not want his wife, Daisy, to have a relationship with Gatsby anymore. He tells her that Gatsby's wealth comes from bootlegging and other illegal businesses. She has already known this fact but does not really care about it.

One day, Nick and Gatsby are invited to Tom's house and Daisy has an idea to go to town with them. She also invites Jordan Baker, her best friend. Daisy and Gatsby are in the same car while Tom, Nick and Jordan are in another car. When Nick, Jordan and Tom drive through the valley of ashes, however, they discover that Gatsby's car has struck and killed Myrtle. Actually, Daisy is the driver at that time, but Gatsby intends to take the blame for her crime.

The next day, Tom tells Myrtle's husband, George Wilson, that Gatsby is the murderer of Wilson's wife. Considering that the news from Tom is true, he thinks that Gatsby is his wife's lover. Wilson immediately goes to Gatsby's mansion, finding him in the pool, and then Wilson shoots him. After that, Wilson shoots himself. When Gatsby is buried, no one comes to his funeral, except Nick Carraway and Gatsby's real father, Mr. Gatz.

Biography of Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald

Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 24, 1896. The name of his father was Edward Fitzgerald. His mother, Mary (Mollie) McQuillan, was the daughter of an Irish immigrant. Edward Fitzgerald failed as a wicker furniture business in St. Paul. Then he became a salesman for Procter and Gamble in Upstate New York but he was dismissed in 1908. Since that, Fitzgerald starts to work by selling his writing to the school newspaper.

When F. Scott Fitzgerald was thirteen, he attended the St. Paul Academy and he wrote a detective story in the school newspaper. Then he attended Newman School from 1911 to 1913. Later, he went to Princeton University (1917) but he neglected his studies in literary apprenticeship because of his bad health. He wrote scripts and lyrics for Princeton Triangle Club musicals; in addition, he was a contributor to the *Princeton Tiger* humor magazine and *Nassau Literary Magazine*.

In the fall-winter of 1919, Fitzgerald became a *Post* writer of *The Saturday Evening Post* story market. During this time he also wrote his first novel, *This Side of Paradise*, which was published on March 26, 1920. Then he wrote other

novels, including *The Beautiful and Damned* (1922), *The Great Gatsby* (his greatest novel in 1925), *Tender is the Night* (1934), and *The Love of the Last Tycoon* (1939). Besides writing novels, he wrote many short stories which were divided into collections. Some of them were *Flappers and Philosophers* (1920), *Tales of the Jazz Age* (1922), and *All the Sad Young Men* (1926). He had also written a play, *The Vegetable* (1923).

Fitzgerald married Zelda Sayre in 1920, the youngest daughter of an Alabama Supreme Court Judge and his only child, Frances Scott (Scottie). Fitzgerald was born in October 1921. He died of a heart attack on December 21, 1940 in Hollywood, California. He rests in Rockville Union Cemetery in Rockville, Maryland, with his wife Zelda by his side.

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