Synopsis of *The Beautiful and Damned*

The novel is started with the introduction of Adam Patch, a dying multimillionaire. Adam actually is a veteran of war; he came back from the war as a major and then he decided to work in New York. He suddenly becomes very rich and gathers about 75-milion dollars and takes charge of the Wall Street. Adam Patch spends his life by drinking liquor and enjoying work of art. At the beginning of his career Adam Patch decides to marry an anemic lady of thirty named Alicia Withers, through whom he gain an opportunity in business.

The novel is continued with the introduction of the protagonist, Anthony Patch, who is the grandson of Adam Patch. He had spent almost all of his life time in many European countries like England and Italy. Although he has lived comfortably enough in Europe, Anthony still wants to move to New York in order to wait for his grandfather, Adam Patch, to die, and as the result he can inherit 75 million dollar from his grand father.

After he arrives at New York, Anthony’s life changes; he becomes an extraordinary person because he is the only heir of Adam Patch. In New York he meets Dick and Richard Caramel, the writers, and Maury Noble. Through these three characters, the author describes Anthony’s and his friends’ hedonistic life
style, such as classiest parties, and alcohol. Having lived in New York for a few months, Anthony finally meets Gloria Gilbert, a modern and fashionable woman who always spends her time by dancing and having party. Gloria is also a cousin of Dick and Richard. Both Anthony and Gloria soon fall in love and get married.

Anthony’s marriage with Gloria is a problematic event in this novel; in the first year of their marriage they always fight owing to their immaturity. They are also described having financial problem, but they still live hedonistically. The peak of it is when Anthony decides to go back to New York and Gloria joins a movie industrialist named Joseph Blackman, in the movie casting. They separate for a few days and then they are back on the grounds of their love. Adam Patch finally dies, Anthony still has to wait for his grandfather’s lawyer to read the will. Having waited for a long time, Anthony is said to inherit about thirty million dollars from his grandfather. However, he still feels empty.
Biography of F. Scott Fitzgerald

Fitzgerald was born on September 29, 1896 in St. Paul Minnesota. Fitzgerald entered St Paul Academy when he was a boy, and started to write for the school newspaper when he was thirteen. During 1911-1913, he attended the Newman School, a Catholic Prep School in New Jersey, where he met Father Sigourney Fay, who supported him to start his career as a writer. Afterwards, he entered Princeton University, where he built his writing abilities by writing for school media.

In 1917, Fitzgerald joined the army to fight in World War I. In June of 1918, he was assigned to camp Sheridan in Alabama. There, he met and fell in love with Zelda Sayre. Then he returned to St. Paul and wrote his first novel, This Side of Paradise.

Having gained the success and wealth that he had desired for so long, in a short time, he and Zelda were married in New York. He moved to an apartment in New York City where he wrote his second novel, The Beautiful and Damned and then The Great Gatsby.

Fitzgerald died from a heart attack on December 21, 1940. Before his death, he wrote many important works such as: Tender is the Night, Three Commandos and The Love of the Last Tycoon.