

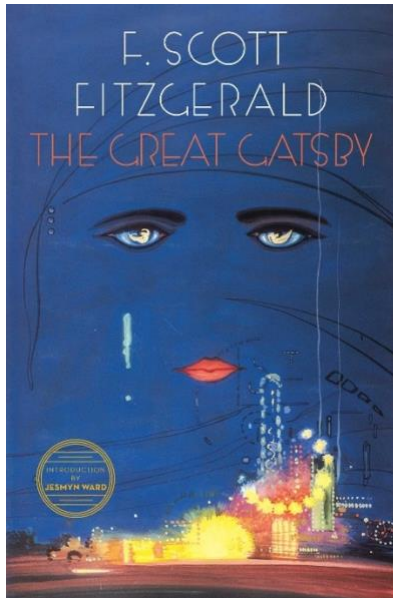


Book Talk

The Great Gatsby

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Number of pages: 180



The Great Gatsby is a classic set in the roaring 20s. It follows narrator Nick Carraway, a young bond salesman who moves to New York and becomes wrapped up in the dramatic lives of his rich neighbours. Nick's new neighbor Jay Gatsby is a mystery to him, a self-made millionaire who throws lavish parties with an obsession to reunite with his former lover, Daisy Buchanan.

The story explores themes of love, ambition, social class, and the American Dream through the complex relationships between Nick, Gatsby, and the sophisticated yet troubled social circle of Long Island's wealthy elite. The novel has an acclaimed film adaptation that came out in 2013, with Leonardo DiCaprio as Gatsby.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, or *Jeeves and Wooster* by P.G. Wodehouse.

Discussion Questions:

1. What was the point of Gatsby creating his entire persona and wealth?
2. Why does Daisy choose to stay with Tom despite his infidelity?

3. Do you think Gatsby is truly 'great'?
4. Who do you think is the most sympathetic character in the novel?
5. Do you see any similarities between the social dynamics in the 1920s and today's Western society? How have class, wealth, and social expectations changed or remained the same?
6. Did you like Nick as a narrator? How do you think the story would be different if told from another character's perspective?
7. What do you think happens to the characters after the events of the novel? How might Daisy, Tom, and others be impacted by Gatsby's death?

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