

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Born Sept. 24, 1896

St. Paul, MN

Decided to become a writer because he found it to be a way to get accepted

Attended Princeton

Met Geneva: the one who got away (“poor boys don’t marry rich girls”)

Fitzgerald’s wife: Zelda

Joined the Army: served in WWI, went home when ended

Moved to NYC after war (“glorious”)

Party lifestyle, many drinking binges

First book: *This Side of Paradise* (very risqué)

Had a child, slowed down a bit, but not much

Moved to Europe (S. France) to calm down: partying kept on

Zelda cheated on F. Scott

Met Ernest Hemingway and became a ‘frienemy’

The Great Gatsby published in 1925 (set in 1922)

In its first year it sold 20,000 copies

Died at age 44 (heart attack)

