

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

A book review caught my eye that stated "The Great Gatsby" was wasted on young readers. The reviewer believed only those past middle age could fully appreciate Fitzgeralds writing.. Curious, I borrowed a copy from our library. I was immediately engaged this classic American novel. I was reminded that in the hands of an author like Fitzgerald the English language can be amazing and rich. I had forgotten that the story was told by Nick who recounted his summer in West Egg, New York where he met Gatsby and reconnected with his cousin Daisy Buchanan and her husband Tom. Fitzgerald tells a story that gives us a look at life during the Jazz Age. A side-note about The Great Gatsby is that it did not sell well when it was published in 1925. Sales had almost ceased at the time of his death in 1940. It was reissued in 1941, and copies were put into the packs of all American soldiers being sent overseas in WWII. This reintroduced Fitzgeralds' work to the American public and the book gained a following among teachers and scholars. If you like historical fiction, and you enjoy a story rich in language, you will agree this book is worth reading (again).