

The Great Gatsby First Chapter Summary

the great gatsby first chapter summary: The Great Gatsby F Scott Fitzgerald, 2021-01-13

Set in the 1920's Jazz Age on Long Island, *The Great Gatsby* chronicles narrator Nick Carraway's interactions with the mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby and Gatsby's obsession to reunite with his former lover, the beautiful Daisy Buchanan. First published in 1925, the book has enthralled generations of readers and is considered one of the greatest American novels.

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Set in the Jazz Age on Long Island, the novel depicts narrator Nick Carraway's interactions with mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby and Gatsby's obsession to reunite with his former lover, Daisy Buchanan. Gatsby continues to attract popular and scholarly attention. The novel was most recently adapted to film in 2013 by director Baz Luhrmann, while modern scholars emphasize the novel's treatment of social class, inherited wealth compared to those who are self-made, race, environmentalism, and its cynical attitude towards the American dream. As with other works by Fitzgerald, criticisms include allegations of antisemitism. *The Great Gatsby* is widely considered to be a literary masterwork and a contender for the title of the Great American Novel.

the great gatsby first chapter summary: *So We Read On* Maureen Corrigan, 2014-09-09

The Fresh Air book critic investigates the enduring power of *The Great Gatsby* -- The Great American Novel we all think we've read, but really haven't. Conceived nearly a century ago by a man who died believing himself a failure, it's now a revered classic and a rite of passage in the reading lives of millions. But how well do we really know *The Great Gatsby*? As Maureen Corrigan, Gatsby lover extraordinaire, points out, while Fitzgerald's masterpiece may be one of the most popular novels in America, many of us first read it when we were too young to fully comprehend its power. Offering a fresh perspective on what makes Gatsby great -- and utterly unusual -- *So We Read On* takes us into archives, high school classrooms, and even out onto the Long Island Sound to explore the novel's hidden depths, a journey whose revelations include Gatsby's surprising debt to hard-boiled crime fiction, its rocky path to recognition as a classic, and its profound commentaries on the national themes of race, class, and gender. With rigor, wit, and infectious enthusiasm, Corrigan inspires us to re-experience the greatness of Gatsby and cuts to the heart of why we are, as a culture, borne back ceaselessly into its thrall. Along the way, she spins a new and fascinating story of her own.

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This version of *The Great Gatsby* includes the full story as written by F Scott Fitzgerald, as well a chapter by chapter summaries written by the publisher, Orion Siebert. It's 1922, and Nick Carraway has just moved to the West Egg, the nouveau riche part of New York and much less dignified than the illustrious East Egg. All around him is decadence and shine, especially from his neighbor Jay Gatsby, a mysterious well respected man in the West Egg. Gatsby is well known for his fabulous weekly parties, but there's more going on here behind the colorful flares, fireworks, and generosity, and Nick is going to be the one to watch it all unfold. *The Great Gatsby* is a journey of love and lust, pride and humility, and dreams and defeats.

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