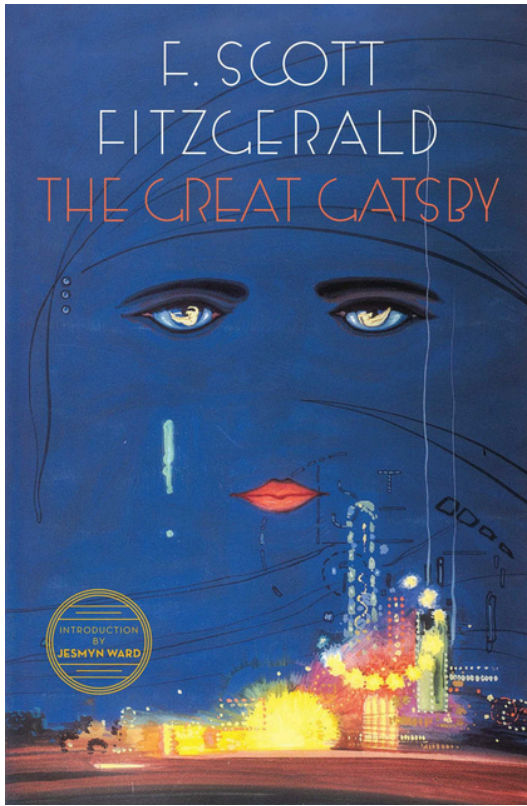




The Great Gatsby

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Review by Lucia



Tragedy

What originally made you interested in reading/watching/playing this media? How did you hear about it or come across it?

My school has a digital library program, and while searching for a book to read, I figured I would pick up one of the classics! I hadn't read it prior, so it was a good experience.

Is it part of a series? If so, what series is it?

No

What is this media about? Make sure to give enough interesting details without spoiling too much!

The Great Gatsby follows the story of Jay Gatsby, a mysteriously rich New York resident known for one thing: the loud, extravagant parties he hosts from his mansion in West Egg. His main goal of the parties? Get the attention of Daisy Buchanan, an East Egg resident and the woman he's in love with. The story is told of the point of view of Nick Carraway, who details his own life in New York as well as his relationships with the wealthy.

Who are the main characters? What makes them interesting or unique?

The book is narrated by Nick Carraway, a Midwestern man who moved to New York as a bonds salesman. However, I'd say the book's main character is Jay Gatsby, a mysterious millionaire known for hosting lavish parties. He is charismatic and ambitious, but most of his past remains buried until later in the story. Gatsby is in love with a woman named Daisy Buchanan; both she and her husband Thomas come from old money, contrasting nicely with Gatsby's self-made wealth.

Does this media remind you of anything else you've read/watched/played?

Before I read this book, I had just finished 1984 by George Orwell. Both books contain themes of corruption within society. 1984 focuses on the political aspects, while The Great Gatsby focuses on the social impacts.

What type of person might enjoy this media? For example, this book is for someone who likes Percy Jackson, someone who enjoys getting scared, someone who likes a challenge, etc.

I think this book would be good for anyone who wants to start reading some of the classics, but doesn't know where to start. It has approximately 47,000 words, so it's a relatively quick read. Its critiques of the "American dream" are just as relevant now as they were when the book was published.

Did you like this media? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

I enjoyed this book. It was an entertaining read! I had to do some background research before I was fully able to understand the events of the book, but I would recommend it to others regardless!

Do you like the cover? Does it convey what the media is about?

The cover certainly caught my eye! It is a painting done by the Spanish artist Francis Cugat, titled Celestial Eyes. The themes of the painting connect to the book, especially the eyes that take up a majority of the cover. The eyes resemble the eyes of Doctor T. J. Eckleburg, an old, faded billboard that Fitzgerald calls to attention throughout the book. The "eyes" watch over Queens day in and day out impassively, which Fitzgerald connects to the emptiness and materialism of the city.