

Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald

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F. Scott Fitzgerald



Who Was He?

- Born, September 24, 1896
- Death, December 21, 1940
- Widely regarded as one of the greatest american authors
- Married Zelda (1920-1940)
- Notorious Alcoholic in the 1930s
- Mild case of Tuberculosis
- had two heart attacks the second one killing him

Education Recieved Through Life

- While Living In Buffalo, New York: First Holy Angels Convent(Catholic School) In 1903-1904, then in 1905-1908 Switched To Nardin Academy
- In 1908 His Family moved to Minnesota: St. Paul Academy was His One and Only School In Minnesota From 1908-1911

Education Continued....

- When He Turned 15 His Parents Sent Him to Learn at The Newman School, A Prestigious Catholic Prep School In Hackensack, New Jersey Graduating in 1913.
- Stayed In New Jersey to Continue His Artistic Development at Princeton University.
- Dropped Out in 1917 to Join The U.S.Military.
- Leaves and Pursues His Career as A Writer.

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Before Francis Scott Fitzgerald died at age 44, he thought he was a failure. His obituaries described him as an obscure writer who never fulfilled his early promise. The second printing of *The Great Gatsby* sat unsold fifteen years after the book's publication.

Twenty-odd years later, Fitzgerald was universally recognized as one of the great literary figures of the century and *The Great Gatsby* was widely acclaimed one of the greatest novels of the modern era.

What did F. Scott Fitzgerald contribute Continued

Even more surprising to Fitzgerald might be how his own life has come to represent in the public imagination the romantic rise and fall of American idealism, a favourite subject of his writing in the first half of the twentieth century.

As one of the Lost Generation writers, he helped shed light onto the decay of society and the emptiness felt as the world tried to forget about the problems caused from World War I. Fitzgerald really showed the many problems that come from using greed, consumerism, and alcohol as a way to mask your pain and he also very effectively managed to tell stories in the way soap operas now model their plot lines.

Zelda Fitzgerald

- Born in Montgomery, Alabama, on July 24, 1900
- Married F. Scott Fitzgerald in 1920 until he died in 1940.
- She was dubbed as the “first American Flapper” and she became a known icon in that time. (American flappers were women who had bobbed their hair, binded their chests, and they wore knee high dresses and high heels and a lot of makeup. They also broke a lot of social standards as a feminist movement).
- She defined the Jazz Age to most women but she became trapped in the image of the “It girl” at the time and it has been argued to that being her downfall into becoming insane.
- In 1932, she published a novel which made Scott Fitzgerald furious even if he used her diaries and letters without her consent in his own work.

How did Zelda affect Scott's Writing?

- Scott had used Zelda's own writing from letters to her diaries as an inspiration for his stories and books.
- Their love had inspired "The beautiful and the Damned"
- He used the writings she wrote for his female characters
- Her influence became more and more negative increasingly from her mental health and he wrote "Tender is the Night" and her mental illness was the main subject of it

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