

# F. Scott Fitzgerald

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# Basic Timeline

- Born September 24, 1896 to Edward and Mollie Fitzgerald in St. Paul Minnesota
- Dropped out of Princeton University to join the U.S. Army in 1917
- Married Zelda Fitzgerald on April 3, 1920
- Daughter Frances "Scottie" Fitzgerald born on October 26, 1921
- Began failed screenwriting career in 1939
- Died in Hollywood on December 21, 1940



# Rising to Prominence

- Fitzgerald's past greatly influenced his work; a sense of experience and perception provided the texts with exceptional depth.

- *"The success of his first novel, 'This Side of Paradise' (1920), made him an instant celebrity" (Willet par. 1).*



# List of Works

\*Tales of the Jazz Age

\*The Beautiful and the Damned

\*The Great Gatsby

\*This Side of Paradise

\*Tender is the Night

\*Benediction

\*Bernice Bobs her Hair

\*Dalyrmpile Goes Wrong

\*Head and Shoulders

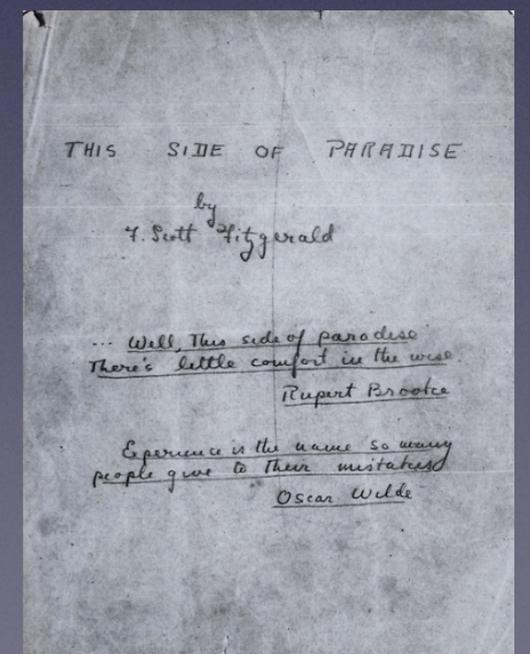
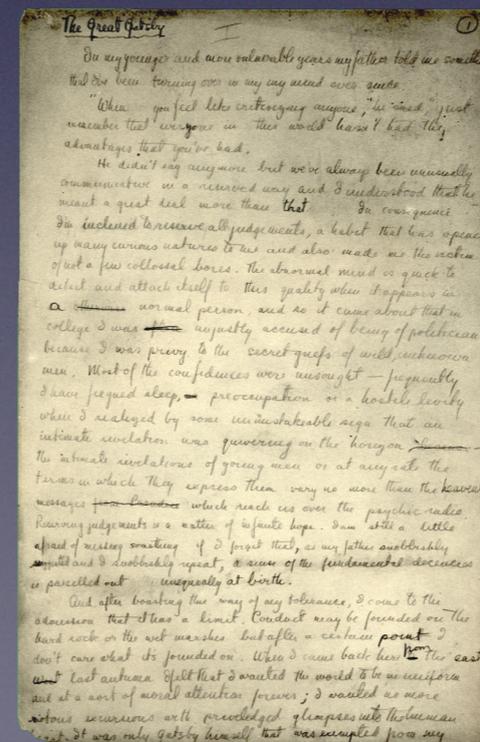
\*The Cut-Glass Bowl

\*The Four Fists

\*The Ice Palace

\*The Offshore Pirate

\*The Last Tycoon



# Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald

- Lived from 1900 to 1948
- Married F Scott Fitzgerald on April 3, 1920
- In 1928, she decided to pursue her dream of being a professional ballerina. She spent so much time focusing on this, that it induced her 1st mental breakdown in 1930.
- She was diagnosed with schizophrenia soon after, and resided in and out of hospitals until her death in 1948.



# Marriage

- F. Scott was hopelessly in love with Zelda.
- She was jealous of his fame; this engendered her desire to gather fame through ballet.
- Her mental illness became a strain on him (& their relationship), but F. Scott never gave up on her.
- Zelda and her condition actually became inspirations for some of F. Scott's work.

*“I left my capacity for hoping on the little roads that led to Zelda's sanitarium”  
(F Scott Fitzgerald).*



# Significance

F. Scott Fitzgerald has been named the most influential author of the 20th century. His work has inspired later authors; it still continues to do so today. While this is true...



**"Fitzgerald's work did not earn the credibility and recognition it holds today until years after his death" (Willet par. 8).**



Though we still don't know what's up with his  
hair....

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