



F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

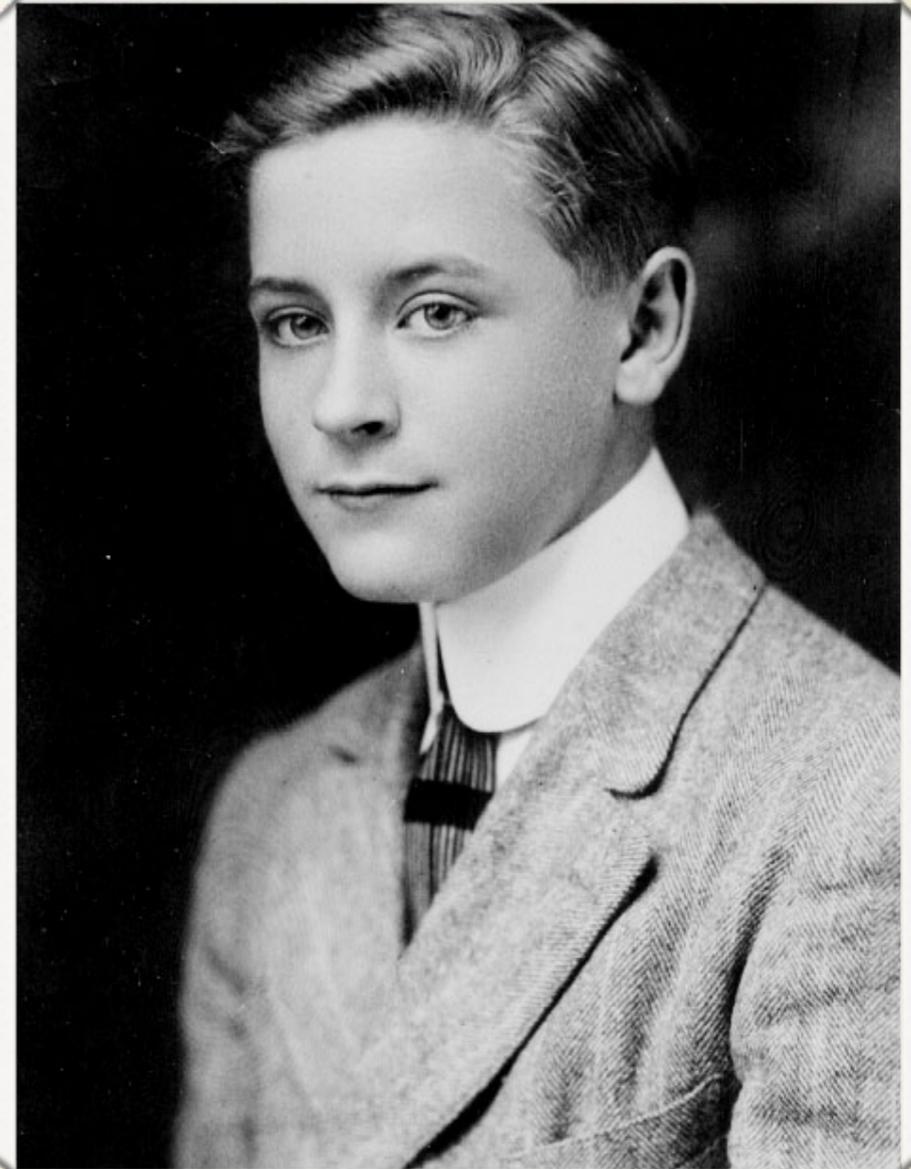
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EARLY LIFE

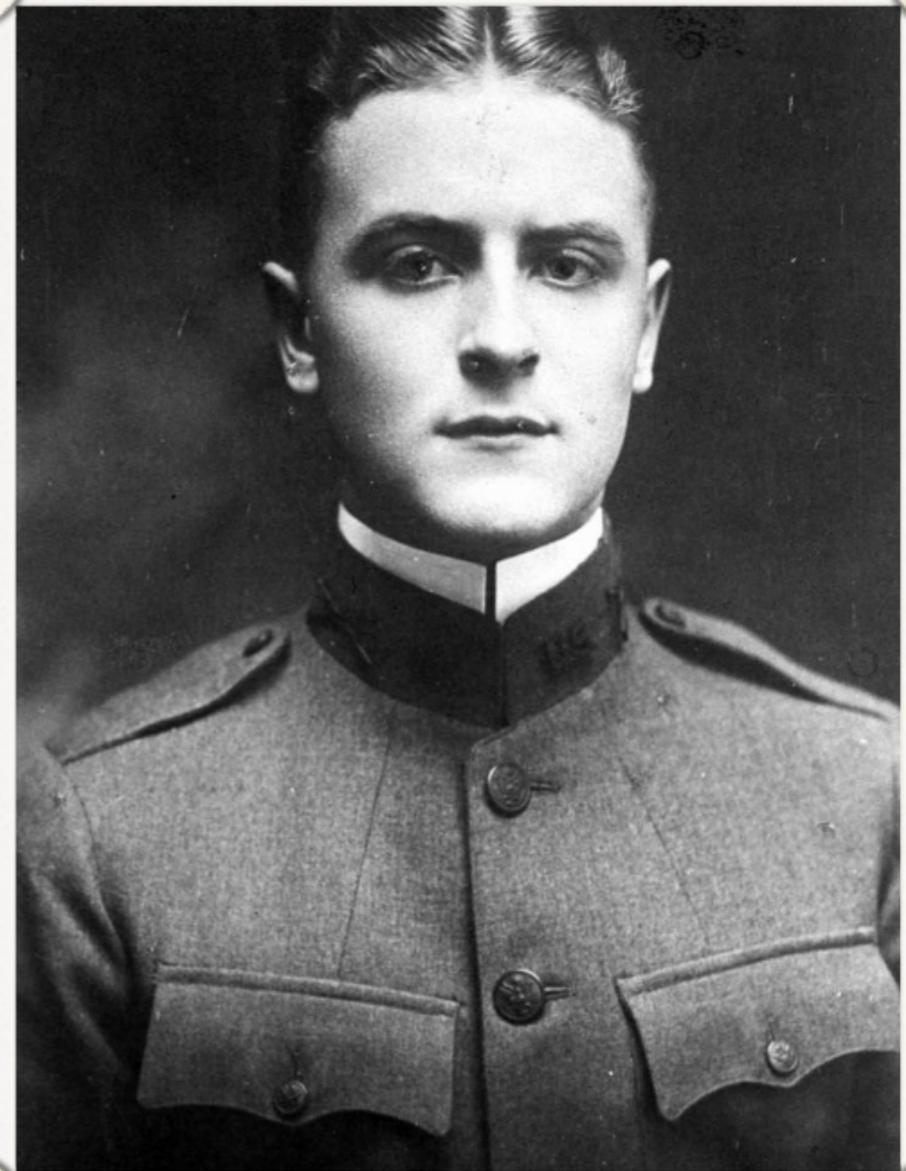
- Born on September 24, 1896 in St. Paul, Minnesota (Back par. 1).
- Full name is Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald (Back par. 1).
- His mother was Mary McQuillin ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" par. 2).
- His father was Edward Fitzgerald (Back par. 1).
- He attended St. Paul Academy ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" par. 3).



- He got his first published writing piece at age 13 in the school newspaper ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 3).
- When he was 15, his parents sent him to the Newman School, a prestigious preparatory school in New Jersey ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 3)
- While he was at the Newman School, he met Father Sigourney Fay, who noticed his talent and encouraged him to pursue his writing career ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 3).
- After graduating from the Newman School in 1913, he decided to stay in New Jersey and attend Princeton University ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 4).
- At Princeton he wrote scripts for plays, articles in the *Princeton Tiger* humor magazine, and stories for the *Nassau Literary Magazine* ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 4).



- Since he spent so much time writing, his school work suffered. He was put on academic probation, and in 1915, he eventually dropped out of school to join the U.S. Army ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 4).
- He was scared that he would die in World War I and not fulfill his literary dreams, so he quickly wrote a novel called *The Romantic Egotist*, but the publisher, Charles Scribner's Sons, rejected the novel. After rejecting it, though, they told him to submit some more work in the future ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 4).
- Fitzgerald was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry and was stationed Camp Sheridan right outside of Montgomery, Alabama ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 5).



- It was at Camp Sheridan that he met and fell in love with an 18-year-old girl named Zelda Sayre. She was the daughter of an Alabama Supreme Court Judge ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 5).
- After the war ended in November of 1918, Fitzgerald moved to New York to start an advertising career and tried to convince Zelda to marry him ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 5).
- He quit his advertising job after a few months and moved back to St. Paul to rewrite his novel ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" Par. 5).



LOVE LIFE

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- Scott met Zelda while he was in the army
- Zelda rejected his proposal because his salary was too low.
- Scott rewrote "This Side of Paradise" three times and published it. Scott a suddenly rich and famous author, Zelda married him a week after the publication.

“To write it, it took three months; to conceive it three minutes; to collect the data in it all my life.”

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

SCOTT AND ZELDA

- Scott loved the life of fame and fortune. Scott's second novel "The Beautiful and the Damned" reflected this.
- Scott loved Zelda to death but she was schizophrenic and he was an alcoholic. They constantly kicked out of hotels.



ZELDA

- At the late age of 27, three years of intense ballet work eight hours a day! It damaged her health and prompted her first mental breakdown.
- She spent her life in and out of hospitals as she was diagnosed with schizophrenia.

*“I don't want to live, I want love first
and, I live incidentally”*

-Zelda Fitzgerald

LATE LIFE

- After writing the *Great Gatsby* in 1925, F. Scott Fitzgerald's life began to unravel ("F.Scott Fitzgerald Biography" par. 11)
- He struggled with alcoholism and depression for most of his adult life ("F.Scott Fitzgerald Biography" par. 11)
- Throughout the 1920s his wife Zelda suffered from mental issues ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" par. 3)

- In the late 20s they moved between Delaware and France many times ("F. Scott Fitzgerald Biography" par. 11)
- In 1930 Zelda suffers from a major mental break and is admitted to mental institution in Switzerland, then moved to John Hopkins in 1932 ("F. Scott Fitzgerald Biography" par. 11)
- Over the years Fitzgerald suffered from writer's block, but finally in 1934 he published Tender is the Night, but it was considered a failure compared to his other books ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" par. 4)

- He tried to revive his career as a screenwriter in Hollywood in 1937 to get out of the spotlight ("F. Scott Fitzgerald" par. 4)
- In 1939 he started writing his last book The Love of the Last Tycoon, but only half the manuscript was finished when he died from a heart attack on December 2, 1940 ("F.Scott Fitzgerald Biography" par. 13)
- When he died he believed he was a failure, trying to redeem himself, but now he is considered a legend because of his writing and The Great Gatsby is now a required reading for most schools ("F.Scott Fitzgerald Biography" par. 14)

CAREER TIMELINE

- Married Zelda in St. Patricks cathedral in New York- 1920 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1).
- This side of Paradise the book is actually a rewrite version of the romantic egoist- 1920 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- The beautiful and the damned- 1922 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- Move to Paris stay in Paris for the next 7 years- 1924 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- The Great Gatsby- 1925 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- Zelda goes mad this is the first of many break downs that she will have over the years and spends the next year in different hospitals and clinics. One trip abroad was wrote about this experience- 1930 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)

- Returns to america- 1931 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- Tender is the night Zelda suffers 3rd mental breakdown- 1934 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- The crack up. The first of a three part autobiographical essay detailing his mental breakdown. the 3rd part is submitted in April. The same month Zelda is inserted into highlands hospital mental asylum in Asheville, North Carolina- 1936 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- Last story for Saturday evening post- 1937 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- Moves to hollywood after signing a 6 month screenwriting set hoping to get out of debt.- 1937 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- Failed screenwriting career spent his time in hollywood drinking and bouncing between freelance gigs- 1939 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)

- Fitzgerald dies of heart attack- 1940 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- The last tycoon- 1941 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- Zelda dies in hospital fire- 1948 (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)
- Fitzgerald loved drinking throughout his whole career. Believed to be the main cause of his heart attack. (“F. Scott Fitzgerald timeline” Par. 1)

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