

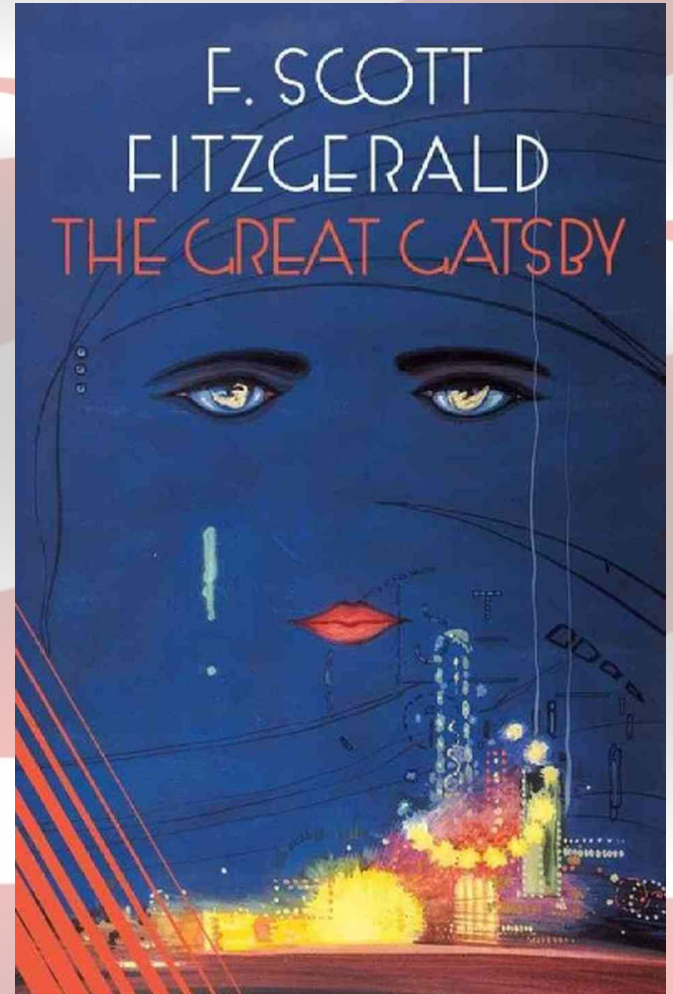
Book appraisal

F. Scott Fitzgerald
"The Great Gatsby"



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The Great Gatsby is a 1925 novel written by American author F. Scott Fitzgerald that follows a cast of characters living in the fictional town of West Egg on prosperous Long Island in the summer of



The American Dream

The Americans are a nation who believes in the American Dream. They pride themselves upon their lack of aristocracy and equality of opportunities.

“The Great Gatsby” is a novel about their de-facto opportunities



<- So how's that for equal opportunities?



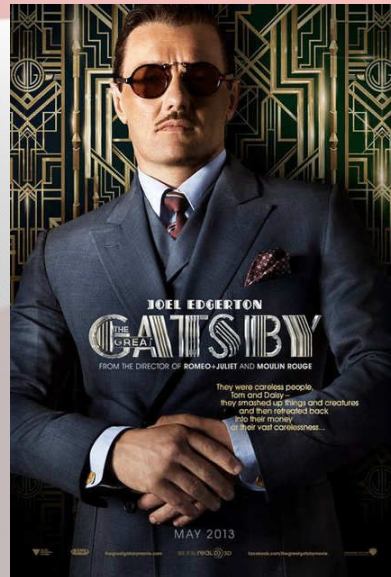
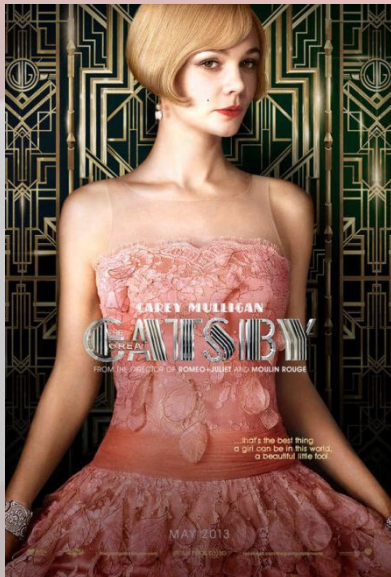
First world problems

“They were careless people, Tom and Daisy - they smashed up things and creatures and then retreated back into their money or their vast carelessness or whatever it was that kept them together, and let other people clean up the mess they had made.”

Tom Buchanan: “A national figure in a way, one of those men who reach such an acute limited excellence at twenty-one that everything afterward savors of anti-climax”

Tom goes into a racist rant:

“This idea is that we’re Nordics. I am, and you are, and you are, and —” After an infinitesimal hesitation he included Daisy with a slight nod, and she winked at me again. “ — And we’ve produced all the things that go to make civilization — oh, science and art, and all that. Do you see?”

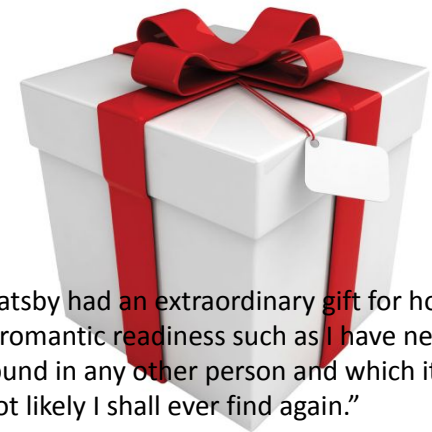


Is Gatsby great?

- a bootlegger who doesn't drink

бутлегер (человек, торгующий алкогольными напитками в период сухого закона)

- a man of leisure who never engages in a single leisure activity
- an ultimate self-made man
- Had an “extraordinary gift -> for hope”



Gatsby had an extraordinary gift for hope, a romantic readiness such as I have never found in any other person and which it is not likely I shall ever find again.”

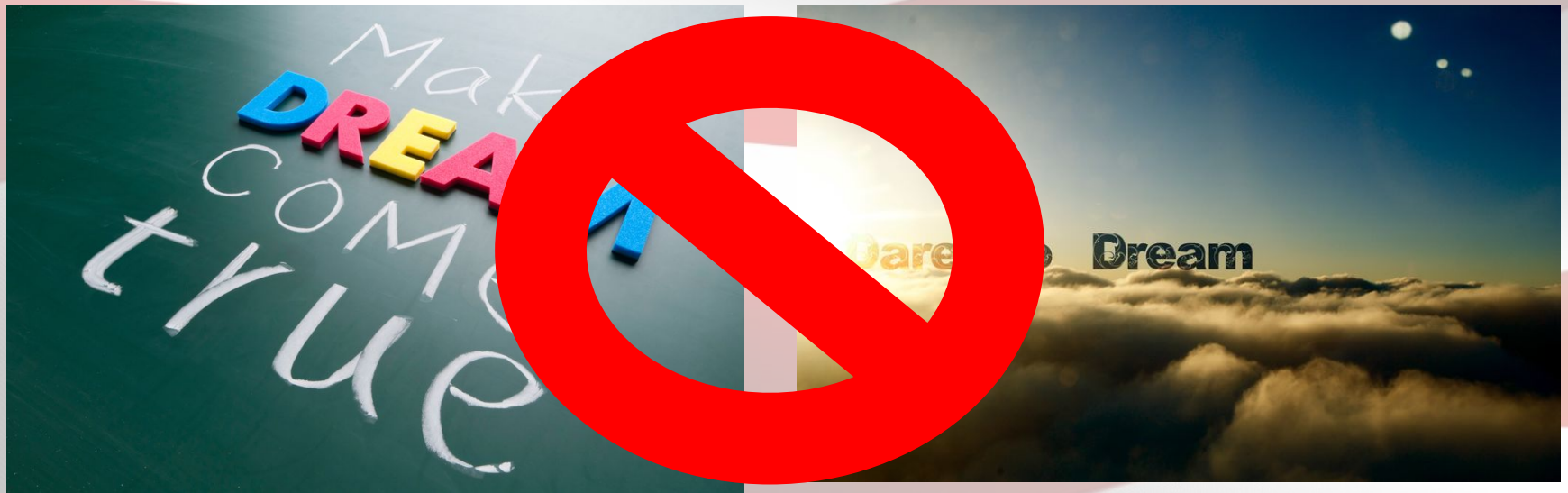
As for me, I didn't like Daisy...

"I'm glad it's a girl. And I hope she'll be a fool -- that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool"

Anyway, the quality of a novel isn't judged by likability of its characters.

I believe that Gatsby is a great man. But great people especially must be careful about what they worship.

The tragedy is in chasing an unworthy dream.





Thank you!