



F SCOTT FITZGERALD

A presentation by Mrs. Webb

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD'S LIFE



- Francis Scott Fitzgerald was born in St. Paul, MN on September 24, 1896. He was named after his distant relative, Francis Scott Key, who wrote the Star-Spangled Banner. Scott never liked school and after spending time at Princeton and being put on academic probation for poor grades, he dropped out and joined the Army in 1917.
- His first love, Ginevra King, left him for someone wealthy. However, he met Zelda Sayre while stationed at Camp Sheridan in Alabama and fell in love. He proposed, but Zelda refused to marry him until he found success. He had one daughter, Scotty.
- Scott was an alcoholic for most of his life, but wrote all of his works while sober. Later in life, he moved to Hollywood to write screenplays. There, he met and began an affair with Sheila Graham.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald died of heart failure in 1940 at the age of 44.

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD'S CAREER



- Scott's first novel was a quick write and was twice rejected. He eventually rewrote the work and it became "This Side of Paradise," published in 1920. The publication made Fitzgerald an overnight success. His second novel, "The Beautiful and The Damned" was published in 1922 and was a bit of an autobiography of Scott and Zelda.
- Soon after his second publication, he and Zelda moved to France. There, he wrote "The Great Gatsby" in 1925. Daisy, one of the central characters, was inspired by his first love, Ginevra King.
- After Gatsby, Scott wrote short stories, but his next novel, "Tender is the Night," didn't come until 8 years later in 1934. It was about Zelda and largely unsuccessful.
- Scott never enjoyed the success of Gatsby. It didn't become a success until World War II. Scott died thinking himself a failure.

ZELDA SAYRE FITZGERALD, WIFE OF F. SCOTT



- Zelda Sayre was born in 1900 in Montgomery, AL. The youngest of six children, she was a spoiled, free-spirited child.
- Zelda met F Scott and became the first flapper of the times – a free-thinking woman. She was a huge influence in Scott's writing and was the inspiration for many of his characters.
- While in France with F. Scott, she entered into an affair with a French naval officer. It had a dramatic effect on their marriage.
- She decided to become a professional ballet dancer in 1928 and began to train, however the strain was too much on her body and she eventually had a mental breakdown at the age of 27. She was diagnosed with schizophrenia and lived in hospitals the rest of her life.
- Zelda was a prolific writer with a novel, eleven short stories and twelve articles. She also painted numerous artistic works.

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