

Summary

First person POV through the eyes of Nick Carraway, who bears witness to the absolutely disastrous behaviours of everyone around him in 1920s New York. He also half falls in love with a dishonest golfer called Jordan, but this doesn't work out.

Gatsby is a mysterious party boy who has secretly made all his money through bootlegging and other crimes, though this isn't confirmed until the end. Hints about his character are dropped throughout the early chapters, nobody really knows the truth about him. He leads everyone to believe that he's from respectable wealth but has in fact been getting rich to win back the favour of the woman he fell in love with before heading to war – Daisy Buchanan.

Daisy got bored of waiting for her lover to return so she married Tom. Tom has just bought his mistress a puppy and regularly takes her phonecalls during meals with his wife. He's aggressive, possessive and generally unpleasant.

Daisy stays with him out of convenience but doesn't miss the opportunity to start up an affair with Gatsby, which is later discovered by her husband because it's so damn obvious that nobody could miss it. She's selfish and bored with being rich and so fabulous all the time.

After a huge argument about who's sleeping with whom outside the marital bed, Gatsby and Daisy drive off and hit-and-run Myrtle, Tom's mistress, in an unbelievably uncomfortable coincidence. Though it was Daisy behind the wheel, Gatsby vows to take the blame... though he is going to try to not be blamed at all.

Myrtle's husband, understandably upset by the fact his wife has been killed, finds out that the car responsible belongs to a Mr Gatsby and shoots Gatsby dead, and then himself. The Buchanans vanish, Nick Carraway is horrified to realise that despite the huge parties Gatsby held, nobody cares that he's dead or bothers to attend the funeral, making lame excuses to avoid the effort.

| Name | Colour | Voice description | Character notes |
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| Nick's Father | #9BBB59 | | reserved |
| Unknown man | #9BBB59 | | |
| Tom Buchanan | #00B050 | a gruff husky tenor, added to the impression of fractiousness he conveyed. There was a touch of paternal contempt in it, even toward people he liked | Arrogant, aggressive, patronising |
| Daisy Buchanan | #C00000 | low, thrilling, excited | draws people in with her personality |
| Nick Carraway | #0070C0 | | charming, reserved |
| Jordan Baker | #7030A0 | | haughty, dishonest, entitled |
| George Wilson | #FFFFFF | | spiritless, anemic |

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| Myrtle Wilson | #FF66CC | a soft, coarse voice | sensual, dismissive of her husband, entitled as hell |
| Old man | #9BBB59 | | grey old man |
| Mrs McKee | #7030A0 | | shrill, languid, handsome, and horrible. |
| Mr McKee | #92D050 | | respectful, feminine, dignified |
| Catherine | #9999FF | | 30something, |
| Elevator boy | #9BBB59 | | |
| Party girl #1 | #FF66CC | | |
| Party girl #2 - Lucille | #9999FF | | |
| Party boy #1 | #9BBB59 | | |
| Party boy #2 | #FFFFFF | | middle-aged, drunk, impetuous |
| Jay Gatsby | #F79646 | | educated, charming |
| Orchestra leader | #9BBB59 | | |
| Gatsby's butler | #A6A6A6 | | |
| Drunk driver | #92D050 | | |
| Policeman | #9BBB59 | | |
| Meyer Wolfshiem | #FFFFFF | | emotional, emphatic |
| Ewing Klipspringer | #FFFFFF | | awkward young man |
| Young reporter | #9BBB59 | | |
| Mr Sloane | #92D050 | | |
| Sloane's lady friend | #F28EE4 | | |
| Butler | #A6A6A6 | | aggressively rude |
| Baby Buchanan | #F28EE4 | | 3yo girl |
| Michaelis | #A6A6A6 | | garage attendant |
| Slagle | #FFC000 | | male, Chicago |
| Gatsby's father | #C0504D | | older man, grieving |

Chapter 1 (19 pages)

Summary:

Nick Carraway introduces himself as someone who people feel comfortable sharing the innermost secrets with and shares that this results in him knowing more about people than he actually wants to.

After WW1, Nick moves to West Egg, next door to Gatsby's mansion. He goes to visit his cousin Daisy and her husband Tom and meets Jordan Baker, whom Daisy is going to set him up with. Over dinner, Nick gets a front row seat to witness their unhappy marriage.

When he gets home that evening, he sees Gatsby in passing.

Dialogue:

Nick's father

Unknown man

Tom Buchanan

Daisy Buchanan

Nick Carraway

Jordan Baker

Chapter 2 (14 pages)

Summary:

Tom takes Nick out to meet his mistress – the wife of a mechanic he plans on selling his car to. The husband apparently doesn't know what's going on.

They drag him up to their love nest apartment and invite some others over for a party, after their date and impulse buying of a puppy. We learn the history of their relationship and lies, the party ends when they're all drunk and Tom backhands Myrtle across the face.

Myrtle's sister, Catherine, mentions Gatsby and drops a few more clues about his character.

Dialogue:

Tom Buchanan

Nick Carraway

George Wilson

Myrtle Wilson

Old man

Mrs McKee

Mr McKee

Catherine

Elevator boy

Chapter 3 (19 pages)

Summary:

Nick goes over to the Gatsby party pad by invitation, he bumps into Jordan Baker and they hear more rumours about the mysterious Jay Gatsby. Everyone is enjoying the party to excess and Nick is starting to get into the swing of things, he starts chatting with someone and discovers it's Gatsby himself. He's now even more intrigued and Jordan has a secret conversation with Gatsby that only adds to it.

On his way home, he makes plans to meet Gatsby in the morning then encounters a crashed car on the route home. Highlighting that the people who come to these parties are entitled monstrosities. Nick starts to wonder if he has feelings for Jordan Baker.

Dialogue:

Nick Carraway
Jordan Baker
Party girl #1
Party girl #2 - Lucille
Party boy #1
Party boy #2
Jay Gatsby
Orchestra leader
Gatsby's butler
Drunk driver

Chapter 4 (18 pages)**Summary:**

Nick lists off the names of all the important people who attended Gatsby's parties. He then goes for a drive with Gatsby, who tells him some of his past in exchange for a favour that Jordan will give him more information about. Nick, Gatsby and Wolfshiem meet for lunch. Tom Buchanan rocks up and Gatsby mysteriously vanishes.

Jordan POV as she remembers events years ago when Daisy was in love with a soldier who was apparently Gatsby, before marrying Tom.

Gatsby's favour is that he wants Nick to invite Daisy over to his home so Gatsby can see her again.

Dialogue:

Jay Gatsby
Nick Carraway
Policeman
Meyer Wolfshiem
Tom Buchanan
Jordan Baker
Daisy Buchanan

Chapter 5 (14 pages)**Summary:**

Gatsby is shifty and evasive, offers Nick a side-hustle in exchange for this favour. Nick refuses but invites Daisy over anyway.

After an unspeakably awkward wait for her arrive, begins the unspeakably awkward meeting when Gatsby freaks out. Once he calms down, he drags them back to his house so he can show off all his possessions to Daisy, who is suitably impressed.

Dialogue:

Jay Gatsby
Nick Carraway
Daisy Buchanan
Ewing Klipspringer

Chapter 6 (14 pages)

Summary:

We find out the truth of Jay Gatsby, born James Gatz – the son of poor farmers, who charmed the rich older man Dan Cody, who taught him about the finer things in life. Gatsby then used this after Cody's death to fake it til he made it.

Sloane and Tom ride up to Gatsby's house, Gatsby mentions that he knows Daisy so Tom accompanies her to the next party where he flirts with other women and Daisy sneaks off with Gatsby.

Gatsby is obsessed with reliving the past and reclaiming Daisy for himself

Dialogue:

Jay Gatsby

Young reporter

Mr Sloane

Sloane's lady friend

Tom Buchanan

Nick Carraway

Chapter 7 (30 pages)

Summary:

Gatsby has stopped throwing parties and has fired all his staff so that rumour doesn't get out of Daisy's regular visits.

Nick is invited to the Buchanan's, Gatsby is also there – they're barely bothering to conceal the affair. Tom works out there's something going on and insists they all go into town, Gatsby and Daisy in Tom's car and Nick, Jordan and Tom in Gatsby's car.

Tom stops for fuel and discovers that Wilson has worked out his wife is having an affair, though not the identity of the man. He has her locked in the house and plans on moving her away

They get into town and have a raging row about the affair and the fact Jay's a bootlegger, Nick and Jordan are forced to watch. Afterwards, Daisy driver herself and Gatsby back home and crash into and kill Myrtle Wilson – Gatsby claims to have been the driver to protect her and Tom is on the warpath.

Dialogue:

Tom Buchanan

Nick Carraway

Daisy Buchanan

Jordan Baker

Baby Buchanan

Jay Gatsby

George Wilson

Myrtle Wilson

Chapter 8 (15 pages)

Summary:

Nick goes to visit Gatsby the next morning, who tells him about his history with Daisy from his perspective. He'd expected to use and lose her but found himself enamoured, but she moved on and married Tom while he was still away after the war.

Nick says goodbye to leave for the city, has a falling out with Jordan over the phone.

Recap of the events at the Wilson household after Myrtle died – George is falling apart. One he finds out that Gatsby was the owner of the car that killed his wife, he sneaks out and shoots him and then himself.

Dialogue:

Nick Carraway

Jay Gatsby

Jordan Baker

George Wilson

Michaelis

Chapter 9 (17 pages)

Summary:

Nick desperately tries to find someone to attend to Gatsby's death but nobody wants to claim him.

Each one of Gatsby's friends along the way disappoint him and fail to attend the funeral, but his father attends and it seems that he's the only one who holds any emotion for the guy.

Before moving back home to the Midwest, he makes peace with Jordan then bumps into Tom and confirms his suspicions that Tom pointed Wilson towards Gatsby.

Dialogue:

Nick Carraway

Jay Gatsby

Meyer Wolfshiem

Slagle

Gatsby's father

Ewing Klipspringer

Party boy #2

Jordan Baker

Tom Buchanan