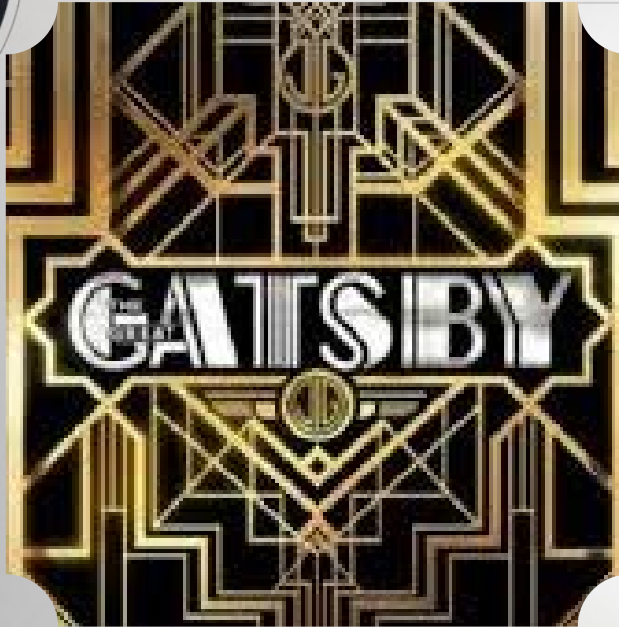




IL GRANDE GATSBY



In the winter of 1929, Nick Carraway, a veteran of World War I who graduated from Yale University, is in a psychiatric hospital to treat his alcohol addiction. During a meeting with his doctor Walter Perkins, Nick begins to talk about what he calls the most promising man she had ever met, Jay Gatsby. The doctor, however, noting the difficulty of Nick in expressing his, suggests him to write what they are thinking, since writing is his true passion.

In the summer of 1922, Nick moved from the Midwest to New York to work as a stockbroker, renting a small house in West Egg, Long Island, near the sumptuous palace owned by Jay Gatsby, a business tycoon who often holds huge extravagant parties at his estate. One day, Nick goes on the opposite coast of the bay, in East Egg, to have lunch with his cousin Daisy Buchanan, and her husband Tom Buchanan, known as Nick at the time of the college. During the view, Nick is presented Jordan Baker, a young cynical golfer, with the rejects that the two fall in love. During a conversation, Jordan tells Nick that Tom has a lover who lives in the valley of ashes, an industrial landfill in West Egg and New York. Not long after, Nick is going through with Tom the area to travel to the city, when they stop at a gas station owned by George Wilson, whose wife Myrtle is nothing more than the lover of Tom, George, however, not He knows.

As the summer progresses, Nick receives a call to one of the Gatsby's parties.

Upon his arrival he discovers that he is the only one to have received the invitation and that none of his guests has ever met Gatsby. However, there are several theories about who is, according to some is a German spy, for others a prince and others a murderer. During the party, Nick meets Jordan and He's got to know Gatsby, who turns out to be surprisingly young and rather aloof.

Following the butler informed Jordan that Jay Gatsby wants to talk to her in private.

Gatsby apparently takes a shine to Nick and, one day, the offer of a ride into town on his expensive yellow car. During the journey to the city Gatsby tells Nick his story, he had studied at Oxford, he had fought in the war and received many honors to be born into a wealthy family in the midwest but all are now dead.

Gatsby then leads Nick in one of the many speakeasy where presents Meyer Wolfsheim, a crime boss and business associate of Gatsby, as well as one who has been able to make up the World Series of 1919. During lunch they run into Tom, Gatsby looks so uncomfortable and immediately leave the place. Later on Nick Jordan reveals that Gatsby had had an affair with Daisy five years before, he was still in love with her and who organized all those parties in the hope that at least once Daisy would come. Gatsby then asks Nick to invite Daisy to his house for tea, but no mention of his presence.





After a rather awkward encounter, Gatsby and Daisy start a relationship. Gatsby is however rather dismayed by the fact that Daisy wants to escape from New York with him, since his initial plan to live together in the villa. Meanwhile, Nick tries to explain to Gatsby that the past can not be repeated, but he rejects the comment. In addition, trying to keep the relationship secret with Daisy, Gatsby dismisses most of its domestic and interrupts larger parties. Eventually, Gatsby calls Nick to ask him to accompany him along with Jordan to Tom's house, where he plans to tell him that he wanted to leave Daisy. Nick is hesitant but Gatsby insists that they need him.

During lunch, Tom becomes increasingly suspicious of Gatsby because he sees staring passionately Daisy. But it stops Gatsby from revealing their relationship and aims to go into town at the Plaza. Tom takes the yellow car with Nick Gatsby and Jordan, while Gatsby and Daisy take the car of Tom, blue. Tom stops during the trip to the gas station and finds out that George is planning to move to the west because he thinks that his wife is cheating. At the Plaza, Gatsby tells Tom that he and Daisy are together, claiming that she has never loved him, then Tom, outraged, accusing him of making a fortune illegally through smuggling with his gangster friends. Daisy says that she loved Gatsby and still loves him, but she can not say that he had never loved Tom, who says he still loves Daisy and who will take better care of her. But when Tom tells Gatsby that he is different from them because of his humble origins, he rails against the frightening Daisy, who then decides to go with Gatsby on board his yellow car.



Later that night, Myrtle rushes into the street after an argument with her husband because of his infidelity, then sees the yellow car of Gatsby approaching and runs towards it believing that Tom rides it. However she is hit and killed instantly. Later, Tom, Nick and Jordan stop near the filling station for the presence of a large crowd and so they discover that Myrtle is dead. Tom then tells George that the yellow car actually belongs to Gatsby and that probably he was the lover of Myrtle. Arrived at the home of Tom, Gatsby Nick discovers hidden in the garden that accidentally reveals that Daisy was driving the car, but he's going to take him to blame. Nick then overhears a conversation between Tom and Daisy, who accepts his promise to take care of her. Nick is disappointed but decided not to say anything to Gatsby, who meanwhile invited him for the night and then tells him about his true origins: he was born in a poor family, his real name was James Gatz, he had asked Daisy to wait until the end of the war and he had met Meyer Wolfsheim and had entered his business.

The next morning, Nick greets Gatsby and goes to work. Meanwhile, Gatsby decides to go for a swim, he hears the phone ringing and, thinking it is Daisy, comes out of the pool while the butler answers the phone. Gatsby is then killed by George, which in turn kills himself. Nick goes to Gatsby's funeral, but discovers that Daisy, Tom, and their daughter have just left to New York. The funeral was *attended* only by journalists and photographers who are driven by Nick angrily. The media accuse Gatsby that he was the lover of Mirtly and the one who killed her. Nick is the only person who knows the truth, and becomes aware that he is the only person who really cared of Gatsby. Disgusted with the city and its people, he left New York, but not before taking a walk through Gatsby's abandoned house.

PLAYERS:

- ✦ **Nick Carraway** - Nick is the narrator of the novel, a young man from Minnesota who, after studying at Yale and fighting in World War I, went to New York to work in finance,
- ✦ **Jay Gatsby** - The protagonist of the title of the novel, Gatsby is a very rich young man living in a Gothic residence in West Egg.
- ✦ **Daisy Buchanan** - cousin of Nick, and much loved by Gatsby. Daisy is courted by many officers, including
- ✦ **Gatsby.**
Tom Buchanan - Husband of Daisy and very rich man, a former member of the social club with Nick at Yale.



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COMMENT:

❖ This film was a mixture of emotions: tenderness and hope for the great love between Jay and Daisy and the melancholy of the wrongful death of the same Jay. Even if the film is set at a very past time, it reflects a contemporary reality thanks to the choice of music and thanks to repeated feasts. Among the four films seen at the cinema this was, for us, the most fascinating not only for its plot, but also because the cast was made up of famous actors like Leonardo DiCaprio. The only flaw of the film, might just be the death of Jay, which is fired by mistake and, with his death, ends Daisy's love too.



❖ MAURO, RUSSO, PACILEO, COPPOLA.