

THE GREAT GATSBY: MOVIE VERSION

Study Guide compares the book *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald to the movie *The Great Gatsby* (1974) starring Robert Redford, Mia Farrow, and Karen Black, Scott Wilson, Sam Waterston, Lois Chiles, and Bruce Dern. Screenplay by Francis Ford Coppola. Directed by Jack Clayton. A Paramount Picture.



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SAMPLE THE GREAT GATSBY: MOVIE VERSION

THE MOVIE VERSION OF *THE GREAT GATSBY* IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by F. Scott Fitzgerald

RECOMMENDED MOVIE: *The Great Gatsby* (1974) starring Robert Redford, Mia Farrow, and Karen Black, Scott Wilson, Sam Waterston, Lois Chiles, and Bruce Dern. Screenplay by Francis Ford Coppola. Directed by Jack Clayton. A Paramount Picture. This is the first Gatsby movie and still the best. The movie adds and subtracts from the plot of the book, but it's still worth watching. Party scenes of the Roaring 20s are fantastic!

HOW ACCURATE IS THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE BOOK?

Plot: ★★☆☆☆ Characters: ★★☆☆☆ Setting: ★★★★★

Structure: ★☆☆☆☆ Symbols: ★★☆☆☆ Theme: ★★☆☆☆

THE MOVIE: SUMMARY

The following is a scene-by-scene comparison of the movie to the corresponding chapters in the book.

THE MOVIE: CHAPTER 1

OPENING SCENE: Opening scene shows a series of shots of a mansion, yellow car, background sounds of a party, a scrapbook full of photos of Miss Daisy Fay, a framed photo of a mansion, and a photo of Daisy in her wedding dress. (**ERROR:** *Not in the book*)

Nick Carraway in a small motor boat is almost swamped by a large sailing yacht as he crosses the bay from West Egg to have lunch at Tom and Daisy Buchanan's house in East Egg. (**ERROR:** *In the book Nick does not have a boat. He drives an old Dodge*) In the background Nick narrates a quote from Chapter 1. (**ACCURATE:** *The quote is: "In my younger and more vulnerable years my father gave me some advice that I've been turning over in my mind ever since. Whenever you feel like criticizing anyone, just remember that all the people in this world haven't had the advantages that you've had."*)

When the boat docks, Nick is met by Tom Buchanan who rides up on a polo pony dressed in full polo gear. He is followed by a chauffeur-driven car. (**ERROR:** *In the book Nick arrives at the Buchanan's home by car and Tom greets him dressed in polo gear*) Nick tells Tom that he is renting a cottage in West Egg for \$80 a month. (**ACCURATE**)

QUIZ

This quiz compares the movie *The Great Gatsby* (1973) starring Robert Redford, Mia Farrow, Bruce Dern and Sam Waterston with the book *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

- ___ 1. In the movie and the book Nick Carraway and Daisy Buchanan are
a. ex-lovers b. in-laws c. childhood friends d. cousins
- ___ 2. In the movie and the book Daisy refers to her husband Tom as a
a. wonderful father b. brute c. family man d. snob
- ___ 3. In the movie Daisy sees Jordan Baker cheat at golf. In the book there is no golf scene, but someone remembers a golf cheating scandal involving Jordan. Who?
a. Nick b. Tom c. Myrtle d. George

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