

# Staff Suggestions Shelf

It probably won't surprise you to learn that many of your library staff members are avid readers! We will, of course, always keep you updated with the latest film and book suggestions on our various themed displays throughout the year, but have you ever wondered what we read ourselves when we want to escape reality? Each month over the next few months, a few of us will be writing brief reviews about our favourite 'Go-to' books in the hopes to inspire you to try something new!

Our next review is by Rebecca Lunn, our newly qualified Librarian. When she's not walking her dog Luna or hauling books from OML to the HE Library for the Click and Collect Service, she likes to curl up with a classic. Read on for her review of one of her favourites, *The Great Gatsby*:



**Book Title:** *The Great Gatsby*

**Author:** Scott F. Fitzgerald

**Genre:** Romance / Tragedy

**What rating would you give it?**



**What's it about? (no Spoilers!)**

The story begins as Nick Carroway (the novel's first-person narrator) moves to West Egg in New York to start his career in the bond business. Nick is fascinated by the glamorous and wild parties hosted by his neighbour, the mysterious and infamous Jay Gatsby. Upon their meeting, the two strike a friendship and Nick learns about Gatsby's whole life desire, to be reunited with his lost love Daisy (who also happens to be Nick's cousin).

Through the outrageous parties, excessive lifestyles and eccentricities of the 1920s Jazz age we follow Nick as he navigates the heart-breaking love story of Jay Gatsby and the married Daisy Buchanan.

**Why are you recommending it?**

One of the great masterpieces of American fiction, Fitzgerald's modern classic holds a place amongst the most treasured books of all time and should be on everyone's 'must-read' list. *The Great Gatsby* has a special place in my heart and is, without competition, my favourite book in the world (terribly cliché for a literature graduate, I know!).

From my first read I was captivated and in the years since I have re-read this book countless times. Fitzgerald paints the perfect picture of the excesses of the 1920's Jazz age whilst weaving an incredibly moving love story. This novel is both hopeful and heart-breaking. I fall more in love with it with every read.

**Where can I get a copy?**

As a Barnsley College student/staff member you can access this title as an eBook or audiobook using the links below. You can also reserve a print copy to collect when the library reopens.

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**Did you know...?**

This American classic has been made into a film six times! The latest adaptation was in 2013 and stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Carey Mulligan, and Tobey Maguire.

