Get in the Mood

Music from the 1920s

- Louis Armstrong — The Complete Hot Five and Hot Seven recordings (4 CDs & a book) - CD ARMSTRONG
- Mel Bay — Mel Bay presents songs of the jazz age. (book with CD) - 781.65 MEL
- Russ Columbo — Prisoner of love: 23 crooning hits, 1928-1934 - CD COLUMBO
- Johnny Dodds — Great Original Performances, 1923-1929 - CD DODDS
- Jelly Roll Morton - The Chicago Years - CD MORTON
- Bessie Smith - Bessie Smith - CD SMITH
- Ethel Waters - Ethel Waters - CD WATERS
- Various performers — Favorites of the Roaring Twenties, from the original recordings. (2 CDs) - CD FAVORITES

Related Movies

- Under the Biltmore Clock. American Playhouse, 1986. (70 min.) Based on the story “Myra Meets his Family” by F. Scott Fitzgerald. - VT 813 UNDER
- The Last Time I saw Paris. MGM, 1954 (116 min.) Based on the story “Babylon Revisited” by F. Scott Fitzgerald. - VT LAST
- Bernice Bobs her Hair. originally aired on PBS, 1976. (48 min.) Based on the story of the same name by F. Scott Fitzgerald. - VT 813 BERNICE
- The Last of the Belles Originally aired on ABC TV, 1974. The story of Zelda and F. Scott Fitzgerald’s meeting. - VT 813 FAVORITES
- Irving Berlin’s Alexander’s Ragtime Band Twentieth Century Fox, 1938. (109 min.) 1938 Academy Award winner for Best Musical Score. - VT ALEXANDER’S

Did you know?
The character of Meyer Wolfsheim is based on Arnold Rothstein, who fixed the 1919 World Series. Although the novel doesn’t discuss it at length, readers at the time would have known the details of the scandal. Find out more about the events and characters surrounding the scandal:


Typically Gatsby

Suggestions for Further Reading
Available through the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library

Alternate versions of “The Great Gatsby”

- The movie starring Robert Redford & Mia Farrow
- Audio book, on CD or cassette
- En Español: El Gran Gatsby [traducción: Julia Martin]
- Trimalchio: an early version of The Great Gatsby

Adaptations or retellings:

- Jake, Reinvented, by Gordon Korman - set in an American high school with teenage characters - YA KORMAN
- Black Money - a retelling in 1960s California - M MACDONALD
- The Double Bind - by Chris Bohjalian - features events and characters from the novel as historical background - F BOHJALIAN

Literary Criticism/About the novel:

- Twentieth Century Interpretations of The Great Gatsby: a collection of critical essays, ed. by Ernest H. Lockridge - 813.09 LOCKRIDGE
- The Great Gatsby: the limits of wonder, by Richard Lehman - 813.52 LEHAN
- Readings on The Great Gatsby, ed. By Katie de Koster - 813.52 READINGS

Did you know?

- Dan Cody, Gatsby’s mentor, owns the yacht named Twolomnie — it was probably named after the gold fields in northern California.

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Did you know?

- Fitzgerald originally entitled the book Trimalchio in West Egg, after a character in the Satyricon by Petronius. The character is a wealthy man known for throwing lavish dinner parties.
Scott and Zelda

Other novels and stories by F Scott Fitzgerald:
(all F FITZGERALD except as noted)
* = also available on audio

- Taps at Reveille
- Babylon Revisited, and other stories
- The Beautiful and Damned *
- Tender is the Night *
- The Last Tycoon
- This Side of Paradise *
- The Best Early Stories of F. Scott Fitzgerald, edited by Bryant Mangum
- Six tales of the Jazz Age, and other stories
- The Basil and Josephine stories
- The Stories of F. Scott Fitzgerald *
- Essential Fitzgerald (*audio only)
- Afternoon of an Author, a selection of uncollected stories and essays - 810.8 FITZGERALD

The lives of F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald:
(all 92 FITZGERALD except as noted)
- The Notebooks of F. Scott Fitzgerald - 816 FITZGERALD
- The Correspondence of F. Scott Fitzgerald - 816 FITZGERALD
- Save Me the Waltz, [an autobiographical novel] by Zelda Fitzgerald - F FITZGERALD
- Invented Lives: F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald. by James R. Mellow - 920 Mellow
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- Beloved Infidel; the education of a woman, by Sheila Graham and Gerald Frank.
- The Far Side of Paradise; a biography of F. Scott Fitzgerald by Arthur Mizener.

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What else were they reading in the 1920s?

Some bestsellers of the time:
1920 Zane Grey, The Man of the Forest
1921 Sinclair Lewis, Main Street
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1926 John Erskine, The Private Life of Helen of Troy
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“The Lost Generation” & other literary voices:
- Ernest Hemingway (try The Sun Also Rises-1926)
- John dos Passos (try Manhattan Transfer-1925)
- Sherwood Anderson
- T.S.Eliot
- Dashiell Hammett
- Langston Hughes
- Zora Neale Hurston
- Dorothy Parker
- Damon Runyon
- Thomas Wolfe
- Virginia Woolf

High Society, at home and abroad:
- Ludwig Bemelmans, Hotel Bemelmans
- John O'Hara (try Appointment in Samarra)
- Booth Tarkington
- Evelyn Waugh
- Edith Wharton (try Twilight Sleep)
- P. G. Wodehouse

A Great Age, old sport

Historical fiction set in the Jazz Age

- Auntie Mame by Patrick Dennis - F DENNIS
- Bandbox, by Thomas Mallon - F MALLON
- Blue Bottle Club by Penelope Stokes - TB STOKES
- Carter Beats the Devil by Glen Gold - F GOLD
- The Daisy Dalrymple series by Carola Dunn - M DUNN
- Dandelion Wine, by Ray Bradbury - SF/TA PB BRADBURY
- Free Love by Annette Meyers - F MEYERS
- Gatsby's Girl by Caroline Preston - F PRESTON
- Jazz by Toni Morrison - F MORMISON
- Legs, by William Kennedy - F KENNEDY
- Oh, Play that Thing by Roddy Doyle - F DOYLE
- A Place called Rainwater by Dorothy Garlock - F GARLOCK
- Ragtime, by E. L. Doctorow - F DOCTOROW
- Road to Perdition by Max Allen Collins - F COLLINS
- Sea Glass by Anita Shreve - F SHREVE

DID YOU KNOW?
1922 The setting of The Great Gatsby is the year 1922. Also in 1922: The Eskimo Pie is patented, construction begins on Yankee Stadium, Howard Carter opens King Tut’s tomb, and the Teapot Dome Scandal. Check out: Tutankhamen: the untold story, by Thomas Hoving. 932 Hoving
1925 The Great Gatsby was published in 1925. Also in 1925: The New Yorker magazine is first published, the Chrysler Corporation was founded, Calvin Coolidge became president, the Frisbee is invented, and the Scopes trial was held in Tennessee. Check out:
- In the Time of Silent Cal, by Jules Abels - 973.15 Abels
- Monkey Town, by Ronald Kidd - YA Kidd

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