

# Some Sort of Epic Grandeur: The Life of F. Scott Fitzgerald - 9781570034558 - University of South Carolina Press, 2002 - 656 pages - 2002 - Matthew Joseph Brucoli, Scottie Fitzgerald Smith

F. Scott Fitzgerald was a short story writer and novelist considered one of the pre-eminent authors in the history of American literature due almost entirely to the enormous posthumous success of his third book, *The Great Gatsby*. Perhaps the quintessential American novel, as well as a definitive social history of the Jazz Age, *The Great Gatsby* has become required reading for virtually every American high school student and has had a transportive effect on generation after generation of readers. During the first decade of Fitzgerald's life, his father's job took the family back and forth between Buffalo and Syracuse in upstate New York. Fitzgerald was a bright, handsome and ambitious boy, the pride and joy of his parents and especially his mother. "This consummately skillful portrait is Scott Fitzgerald to the life. In 1920, the publication of *This Side of Paradise*, his first novel, thrust him upon America's literary horizon. Twenty years later, physically burned out, fearful he and his work were destined for obscurity, lacking funds and prospects, he died at the age of 44 while working on his fifth novel, *The Last Tycoon*. Along that meteoric arc flamed three other novels--*The Beautiful and Damned*, *The Great Gatsby* and *Tender is the Night*--plus scores of short stories and other writings. His obituaries, in the main, patronizin That being said, when I undertook *SOME SORT OF EPIC GRANDEUR* by Matthew J. Brucoli, I was thrilled and excited to sink my teeth into the life of Fitzgerald. And I was not dissappointed. Brucoli mixes details with spee First, a confession of bias: I am an F. Scott Fitzgerald nut. Matthew J. Brucoli was the leading scholar on the life and work of F. Scott Fitzgerald. During his long career, Brucoli wrote or edited over 30 books related to Fitzgerald. Brucoli's biography of Fitzgerald, *Some Sort of Epic Grandeur: The Lift of F. Scott Fitzgerald* was originally published in 1981. Brucoli updated the book in 1991 and again in 2002. The item may have some signs of cosmetic wear, but is fully operational and functions as intended. This item may be a display model or store return that has been used. See details for description of any imperfections. A biography by one of the leading authorities on F.Scott Fitzgerald. The author has written over 12 books on aspects of Fitzgerald's work and career. Product Identifiers. Publisher.