

Animal motif in f. s. fitzgerald's "the great gatsby." assignment

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A distant relative of the writer of "The Star Spangled Banner," Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald was raised by his father following the death of his mother; the two lived off her small inheritance. Fitzgerald wrote a series of novels taking place in the "roaring twenties." In 1925 Fitzgerald created the arguably biographical, *The Great Gatsby*. In the novel Fitzgerald uses animals, mainly a puppy, to characterize, and to drive the plot. In the earlier section of the book, chapter 2, the reader meets the puppy.

In meeting the puppy, Fitzgerald conveys education levels of Myrtle Wilson and Tom Buchanan. "I don't suppose you got that kind?" (27) This quote from Myrtle shows us that her English level is below par. However, Tom's knowledge is shown to be slightly more extensive when he realizes that the dog the man tries to sell them isn't the type Myrtle had desired. "That's no police dog." (27) Throughout the entire ordeal, Myrtle has somewhat of a kitty disposition, while Tom is ready to move ahead. His impatience is shown when Myrtle asks the sex of the dog.

The dog is said to be male, but he replies, "It's a bitchy." (27) This attitude remains throughout the novel. Fitzgerald uses this puppy scene as a fantastic opportunity to characterize. In the later section of the book, chapter 8, the reader is told about the puppy's dog collar. Fitzgerald no longer uses the puppy for characterization, but rather to provide a vehicle for Gatsby's death, and consequently Myrtle's. Wilson had been suspicious of Myrtle before this incident, but it was later that Wilson is assured of her affair after covering the dog collar Tom had bought for her pet.

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