

Truth VS Reality in The Great Gatsby

prestige to be someone that she could be content with.

7. “‘Somebody told me they thought he killed a man once.’” (Page 29) ... “‘He was a German spy during the war...’” (Page 29)
 - Ever since the moment Tom Buchanan married Daisy Fay, Gatsby had one goal in life. This was to regain the hand and love of Daisy. – <http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20091013081711AA2wi3V> – In The Great Gatsby, How Does Jay Gatsby Change Throughout the Novel? – The Man – 2009
 - Fitzgerald uses ambiguity in the novel in order to make us wonder what he truly meant when he wrote it. For example ‘somebody told me they thought he killed a man once’ (Page 29) could be said in an excited, eager way, or it could be said with the utmost fear for what Gatsby may or may not have done. On the other hand it could also be said respectfully because they may be feeling awe that Gatsby has the guts to ‘kill a man.’ Gatsby’s ‘aristocratic’ pose is a front for his criminal operations. His slight British accent is feigned. In the first few chapters, Gatsby remains a mysterious figure and the reader only hears snippets of information about him from various people that may or may not be true. The truth is that Gatsby has fabricated his whole life in the hopes of getting Daisy once more, but the reality is that Daisy would never leave Tom because she loves the power and money being his wife gives her. Ever since Tom and Daisy’s marriage started, ‘Gatsby had one goal in life’ (The Man 2009) and that was to steal Daisy from Tom. He refused to consider the fact that Daisy may not wish to be with him anymore and believed that he was doing the best he could for both of them. He moved to the West Egg, deliberately brought a house opposite and remained in his whole life in the hopes that she would realize and come back to him. She, however, had changed since their young days and is now a mother and loving husband. She is unable to admit that she never loved Tom, because she did, but apart from her love, Tom was the safe option, the option she knew would keep her well supplied. And Gatsby was a risk.
8. “‘She never loved you, do you hear?’ he cried. ‘She only married you because I was poor and she was tired of waiting for me. It was a terrible mistake, but in her heart she never loved any one except me!’” (Page 83)
 - She was flawless to him- essentially nothing was wrong. In reality, however, Daisy falls far short of Gatsby’s ideals. She is beautiful and charming, but also fickle, shallow, bored, and sardonic. – <http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20110330213814AA57TXW> – Daisy Buchanan – J C – 2010
 - Fitzgerald uses empathy in the novel in order to make the reader sympathize and understand Gatsby’s character. He convinces himself that Daisy never loved Tom and only married him because he was ‘poor and she was tired of waiting for [him]’. (Page 83) He truly believes that Daisy would leave Tom for him but the reality is far from it. She would never leave the safety and money that Tom provides, not even for the love she feels with Gatsby. Gatsby tells himself that Daisy truly loves him so much that he actually begins to believe it. It is how he rationalises Daisy’s