

This Side of Paradise

by F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940)

Amory Blaine is a product of a wealthy family and an Ivy League education. Without a need to learn a profession, he dabbles in literature and partying with his like-minded school chums. World War I intervenes in this happy fog and brings focus to some, doubt to others.



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In the rapidly changing technology of the post-war era, the financial underpinnings of the Blaine fortune begin to fall apart. The deaths of Amory's parents leave the finances without a rudder and as Amory's situation deteriorates he comes to realize he has only his interest in literature to fall back upon. Meanwhile, a series of young women wander into his life, attracted to his handsome face and bright wit. But Amory can never master the role of being a real person... and, one by one, they wander out.

First published in 1920, *This Side of Paradise* was Fitzgerald's first novel, and its immense popularity heralded his role as the consummate portrayer of the Jazz Age.

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