

As we have seen, Gatsby has many traits in common with the self-made here, of which McGuffey's protagonists are just another version. In *The Robber Barons* (1934), Matthew Josephson details many of the common experiences shared by such self-made millionaires of the late nineteenth century as Jay Gould, Jim Fisk, Philip Armour, Andrew Carnegie, James Hill, John Rockefeller, and Jay Cooke. Although Josephson is not interested in literary analysis and makes no comparisons with *The Great Gatsby*, the similarities between the life stories Josephson narrates and the biography of Jay Gatsby are too striking to be ignored.