

# NEW YORK POST

Page  
Six®

June 9, 2009

## *Gatsby-esque bash for 'Big City' writer*

"PEOPLE say my writing has an aphrodisiac effect," laughed **Jay McInerney**, "but this is ridiculous." The acerbic author was at the Montauk Yacht Club, where eye-catching **Claire Danes** and **Hugh Dancy** each read a story from his new book, "How It Ended," divulged they plan to marry in France in September, then closed down the party dirty-dancing to "Nobody Loves You When You're Down and Out." Later, 150 bibliophiles dressed in white for a dinner hosted by the Accompanied Literary Society's **Brooke Gahan** in a compound of fantasy cottages built by impresario **Florenz Ziegfeld** to house his three mistresses during Prohibition. "He was a forerunner of **Berlusconi**," noted one wit. The Gatsby-esque ambience included clouds of cigarette smoke as the full moon struggled to peek through the fog. Toasting McInerney were **Andrew Farkas**, **David Margolick**, Jay's wife **Anne Hearst**, **Andres Santo Domingo** and his wife **Lauren Davis**, **Richard Turley**, **Cynthia Rowley**, **Patrick McMullan**, and **Nil Erbel**, who invited the swells to her nearby Surf Lodge for a nightcap.