



## Were the Fifties Actually Fabulous?

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### **Suggested Readings:**

- *The Fifties*, by David Halberstam
- *A Dream of Greatness: The American People 1945-1963*, by Geoffrey Perrett
- *The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap*, by Stephanie Coontz
- *America in Our Time*, by Godfrey Hodgson (covers a longer period, from WWII through the early 1970s)

### **Other Terrific Books from the Fifties:**

- *The Organization Man*, William Whyte
- *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*, Sloan Wilson's
- Anything by the beats — as well as books about the Fifties, from McCarthyism to the Cold War to the rise of rock n' roll.

### **There are Many TV shows available Online including:**

- Edward R. Murrow's takedown of Joseph McCarthy
- Father Knows Best, an episode of which I show in class (“Betty's Career Problem”, season 9, episode 29, which aired in April 1960).