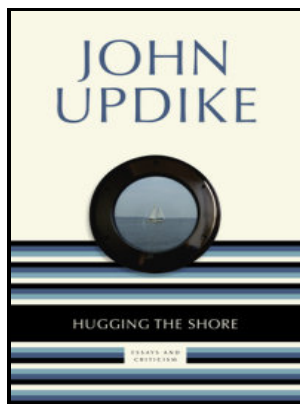


# Widows of Eastwick

## Knopf - The Witches of Eastwick



Description: The three divorcées from John Updike's *The Witches of Eastwick*—Alexandra, Jane, and Sukie—have left town, remarried, and become widows. Meeting again, they travel to Canada, Egypt, and China. and, finally, back to Eastwick. The diabolical Darryl Van Home is gone, and their lovers of the time have aged or died, but among the local citizenry, there are still those who remember them, and wish them ill. (from publishers copy)

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Notes: A sequel to: *The witches of Eastwick*.  
This edition was published in 2008



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### John Updike's 'The Widows of Eastwick'

This national identity had been created by the sensible spirit of business enterprise, linking the provinces like great beads on an iron railroad line, rather than by any evangelical preachment of a Manifest Destiny — manifest only to its Anglo perpetrators — that had hurled the agglutinated United States westwards and then outwards, across all the oceans, where its boy soldiers lost limbs and died. This one felt a bit odd and I didn't much like it until the end. They had joined the legion of elderly couples who fill hospital waiting rooms, as quiet with nervousness as parents and children before a recital.

### The Widows Of Eastwick by Updike, John

Then there would be the sleepless hours, amid worrisome small noises and mysterious tiny red lights, in a king-size bed built for a couple. Not all friendships can be perfect, but the glue which held these women together in *Witches* - which, they underline here, involved their shared gripes about children and schoolteachers, local gossips, the banality of Eastwick and the puritanical townspeople - is gone in *Widows*.

### The widows of Eastwick (2009 edition)

He plans to kill the other two witches next but doesn't, possibly because Sukie seduces him.

### The widows of Eastwick (2008 edition)

And, among the local citizenry, there are still those who remember them, and wish them ill. His crones are unrepentant about their lackadaisical mothering, even in this new age of hyper-parenting, or their adulterous affairs, even in these more puritanical times.

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