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This article is about the novel by John Updike. For other uses, see The Witches of Eastwick (disambiguation). Not to be confused with Witches of the East End. Novel by John Updike The Witches of Eastwick First edition coverAuthorJohn UpdikeCountryUnited StatesLanguageEnglishGenreFantasyPublisherKnopfPublication date 12, 1984Media typePrint (hardback & amp; paperback)Pages320ISBN0-394-53760-20CLC10183130Dewey Decimal813/.54 19LC ClassPS3571.P4 W5 1984Followed by The Widows of Eastwick The Witches of Eastwick is a 1984 novel by American writer John Updike. A sequel, The Widows of Eastwick, was published in 2008. Synopsis The story, set in the fictional town of Eastwick in Rhode Island in the late 1960s, follows witches Alexandra Spofford, Jane Smart and Sukie Rougemont, who acquired their powers after leaving or being left by their husbands. (although Alexandra is a widow). His clan is upset by the arrival of Darryl Van Horne, who buys a neglected mansion outside the city. The mysterious Darryl seduces each of the women, encouraging their creative powers and creating a scandal in the city. The power of the three witches grows, so much so that, unknowingly, they bewitch the inhabitants of the city with whom they come into contact. This becomes clear when Sukie's lover and boss, Clyde Gabriel, kills his wife, Felicia, before hanging himself. The three women share Darryl in relative peace until he unexpectedly marres up to his young and innocent friend, Jenny, the Gabriels' daughter. The witches decide to take revenge by giving him cancer through their magic. Although Alexandra feels remorse for her spell, the spell kills Jenny and Darryl flees the city with her younger brother, Chris, apparently her lover. In his wake, he leaves his relationships tense and his sense of self in doubt. Eventually, each summons his ideal man and leaves town. Literary and critical significance Updike described his novel as about female power, a power that patriarchal societies denied. Many scholars saw it as strongly pro-feminist, an intelligent engagement with feminism, and a rare case of a male novelist writing from the point of view of women. [1] Some have expressed concern that the book may be misogynist, as it seems to reinforce the patriarchal conceptions of women as witches and women who require a man for personal growth; others believe that the book may be more of a satire of such ideas. At the same time, some praised the novel as an outlet of Updike's previous novels. [1] In another media main article: The Witches of Eastwick (film) In 1987, the novel was adapted into a film starring Jack Nicholson as Darryl, Cher as Alexandra, Susan Sarandon as Jane, and Michelle Pfeiffer as Sukie – with considerable differences in relation to the plot of the book. The soundtrack film was composed by John Williams. Television In 1992, a television series pilot which was directed by Rick Rosenthal and starred Michael Siberry as Darryl, Ally Walker as Alexandra, Julia Campbell as Jane, and Catherine Mary Stewart as Sukie. It wasn't picked up as a series. In 2002, a television series pilot was filmed based on the world created in the book, simply called Eastwick. It starred Jason O'Mara as Darryl, Marcia Cross as Jane, Kelly Rutherford as Alexandra, and Lori Loughlin as Sukie. It wasn't captured as a series, so only the pilot episode exists. In 2009, The Witches of Eastwick was adapted into a television series on ABC, titled Eastwick, with Lindsay Price, Jaime Ray Newman and Rebecca Romijn as the three witches. Paul Gross played Darryl. Veronica Cartwright, who played Felicia Alden in the 1987 film, is also cast in the series as Bun Waverly. The show was cancelled during its first season. Musical Main article: The Witches of Eastwick (musical) In 2000, the novel was adapted into a stage musical by John Dempsey and Dana P. Rowe. In 2002, the musical The Witches of Eastwick debuted in Australia, starring Paul McDermott as Darryl Van Horne, Marina Prior as Jane Smart, Pippa Grandison as Sukie Rougemont and Angela Toohey as Alexandra Spofford. In 2007, the musical had its American premiere at the Signature Theatre in Arlington, Virginia. [4] References ^ a b LA Times Bewitched again by John Updike September 20, 2009 ^ Kiera Tara O'Brien. Halloween Time: Halloween girl movies. Digs Magazine. Retrieved 2007-02-25. ^ [1] tvguide.com ^ Jones, Kenneth. Witches of Eastwick — Skinner, Noll & amp; Donovan — sings in Revised U.S. Staging of Onetime London Musical. Playbill.com, June 15, 2007 Recovered from Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer, and that guy with eyebrows: yes, please, today's letter on the Podcast Really Like This Book scripts catch-up is U. Haven't read many authors whose last names start with U, and John Updike is not one of my favorite writers. I find his writing about suburban American life in the 1960s and 1970s a little peculiar. When I read some of your tales, they felt like a movie caught late at night on a hotel TV that you guickly decide you'd rather not worry about. So I was indifferent to his main subject, it seems, of the relations between men and women in suburban America. That kept me from wanting to try anything else he might have written. So I watched The Witches of Eastwick, and I looked for the book, and i suck, it was John Updike's. I loved it. In the past I had done some research on 1920s novels about witches, so I was familiar with the ideas that writers use about witches or witchcraft, and the different directions in which they can With all this fermentation in the back of my mind. I read The Witches of Eastwick again, and now I am doubly impressed by this novel. Not only is it written exuberantly, so cleverly plotted, strong and decisive in its narrative, and with unforgettable characters and events. John Updike really knows his stuff about witches, some graphic designer knows his story of witchcraft The Witches of Eastwick is about a town in Rhode Island in the 1960s where three witches live: Jane, Sukie and Alexandra. They became witches when they got tired of their husbands and killed them. Jane's husband is a dry twist of herbs hanging in the basement. Sukie's husband was transformed into rolled carpets. Alexandra's husband is a jar of bright multicolored powder stored on a shelf in her kitchen. They all have children, they all struggling to survive. Alexandra makes small sculptures that you don't want to let go; Jane teaches music lessons and is trying to become a master of the church choir. Sukie is a reporter for the local paper. They are a clan, but they do not do much. Their lives are very stagnant. Then a man from New York arrives, having bought the old Lenox mansion in the bay. Now, I don't know how much H P Lovecraft you've read, but you've probably seen at least one traditional American horror movie takes place in the northeastern states. That phrase, the old Lenox mansion in the bay, should be enough to make you think, and possibly a bit of horror, things happening at night, manic screams, whispering neighbors, someone somewhere being too scared by poltergeists or worse. The Witches of Eastwick fit this tradition, but unlike Lovecraft, there are no octopus-headed monsters coming out of the bay of an underwater alien realm: we are spared this nonsense. Updike gives us the suburban America traversed with all the European experience of witchcraft, and it all starts in Hallowe'en. this too: not a cheerful lot, were they? The newcomer is a strangely no-deal man, but he's also fabulously rich. He is a great pianist, collects modern art, he starts an immense program of renovation and reconstruction of the mansion, but he does not care about the herons in the wetland that he goes concrete about. This makes local beneficiaries angry, which are the other women in town, and they don't like witches either. Jane, Sukie and Alexandra are notorious in the sexually liberated 1980s, about the new sexually released 1960s, and the atmosphere, and moral standards of the time, work very well. The touches of the geriod do their job, they tell us that we are not in Reaganomics, but in the era after Kennedy was and in the midst of anguish Viet Nam. The historical parts of this novel do not intrude, but we are rooted in the right period: we do not begin to wonder about AIDS, for example. We accept that married women do not need to work are lower in social status than the smug matrons who still have husbands, although Jane, Sukie and Alexandra may also be having sex with these husbands. Witches also have sex with the newcomer, Mr. Darryl Van Horne, who is guite clear at first, the Devil. sober, sedated, tasteful (boring) At that time witches begin to do a little more magic than usual. Sukie casts a spell to unite Alexandra and Darryl, because her friend is being shy. Alexandra raises a storm to get the bathers off the beach when she wants to leave her dog off the leash. She gets bored with a post-concert conversation from a demanding local grand lady, and causes her necklace to break and her shoes to take off, and runs away in the confusion. Mrs. Lovecraft (yes, that was the name, Updike is just checking that we're concentrating) subsequently falls, and Alexandra doesn't care if she broke her hip or not. There is an unsettling and appropriate insensetion in the magic of these witches. They care about each other, but they are not afraid to make bad things happen; their spells may hurt, but they don't usually cause lasting damage. All this changes when they are drawn more closely to what is happening in the former Lenox mansion. I like the way the eyebrow and smile have the same gradient The four play tennis together on darryl's court, and the games degenerate into witchcraft matches, where a ball becomes an egg or a snake, or a leg will freeze on the ground. After the game, they enter to fall on to the music room couch and have drinks served by Fidel, Darryl's Cuban servant, who brings them all spicy and spicy hors d'oeuvres. Updike really goes to town in Fidel's snacks: women are served more and more outrageous and inventive things to nibble, on the spicy theme, chilli, hot and exotic. I think we can see the metaphor here. Once drinks and snacks are over, it's time to get into the tub to look at the stars, followed by various wallowings and massages, in and out of the pool, depending on the season. Updike writes these encounters, which are very inventive, in an erotically suggestive but never explicit way. He is also smart in building the traditional witchcraft rituals in history. Traditionally, witches worship the devil in Sabbats, and kiss various parts of their bodies as part of their devotion. They dance widdershins, dance nude, there is music, and everything happens at night and in particular ritual places, and at certain times of the year. All this is woven, perfectly, in the plot. Of course, Gabriel, a particularly vile woman, and an obsessive, is full of bile and hatred for the three witches. She has furious feuds with everyone in town, and her tired husband Clyde, the editor of the local newspaper and Sukie's boss, drinks too much, trying to kill himself from the monster his wife has become. Her cruelty is well known, and then the witches put a spell on her that makes her spit feathers and pieces of garbage that they add to the bottle of her spell in Sukie's kitchen. Felicia kicks these horrible objects out of her mouth as she speaks, and Clyde is horrified by the physical form her hatred has taken. He kills her and kills himself. It's a shock in the novel, and the witches are a little upset. Guilt now becomes an important part of how they think about themselves, but they have started something that won't stop. Gabriel's two adult children return to town to see about their parents' funeral and sell the house, and Sukie invites them to the Lenox mansion, and that's where things start to unfold for everyone. In addition to the constant underground theme of what witches do, Updike's writing is fantastic for its torrential description. He not only gently disperses some descriptive moments in the narrative: we are swept away by his invention. It extends metaphors beyond its natural life, and decorates an event, a moment, a commentary, an action by encure it in adjectives that add layers of meaning and fun to the story. It's a wonderful read, and it's perfectly screwed. I'm not saying anything else about how the story works, but it's deeply satisfy

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