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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

A klatch of wealthy suburban women become deeply entangled in one another's lives while planning a public health clinic benefit in Walker's uninspired first novel. Housewife Janie is having a heated affair she can't give up; lawyer Marie is trying to balance her law practice, family obligations and loafing husband when a hot summer intern arrives; heiress Gayle has turned to pills to numb her to the treatment of her abusive husband; and Love, a doctor's wife, receives a letter from her estranged father that dredges up a painful past. As the women's personal struggles invade their other, pedestrian pursuits, Love's struggle with the demands of motherhood and family forces Marie, Janie and Gayle to get more involved in the lives of their friends and neighbors. Unfortunately, Walker doesn't do much to bring life to her typecast characters, and the narrative wobbles wildly as the subplots barrel toward a big revelation. The ending is mostly happy, which will please some, but the novel's phoned-in feeling prevents readers from connecting with the characters.

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Review

“*Four Wives* is a brilliantly clever and accurate study in domestic discontentment. Acutely well-observed and suspenseful, it's a stunning reflection of life in an affluent American suburb, where the women seem to have everything...except happiness. A great read.”

—Jane Green, author of *Swapping Lives*

“A cleverly woven, sexy debut that is a fascinating peek inside the gilded cages of suburban matrimony....A true page-turner treat.”

—Jill Kargman, author of *Momzillas* and co-author of *The Right Address*

“A fascinating read. Wendy Walker delivers a blistering dissection of modern suburban marriage. I couldn't put it down.”

—Danielle Ganek, author of *Lulu Meets God and Doubts Him*

From the Inside Flap

Take a peek beyond the perfectly-manicured lawns of Hunting Ridge. For four wives who live there, all is not as it seems...

On the outside, Love Welsh, Marie Passeti, Gayle Beck and Janie Kirk seem to have it all— marriages to successful men, beautiful children, and the kind of affluence most people dream of. But in their gilded suburb, appearances may mask deeper truths. Behind the façade of contentment, each of these women is confronting her own crisis.

While fiercely devoted to her three young children, former child prodigy **Love** can't seem to shake the demons that ended her career. Her neighbor Marie, despite her successful balancing act of mother and part-time divorce attorney, struggles with a troubling case and her feelings for the young intern who fawns over her expertise. In a mansion across town, **Gayle** enjoys the queen-bee social status that old money guarantees, but feels isolated by the dark secrets her fortunes force her to keep. Though she is envied and loathed for her exceptional beauty and expert homemaking, **Janie** is losing the battle to remain satisfied in a passionless

marriage, and falls into an unlikely affair.

As the women plan a charity gala, their not-so-perfect lives are slowly exposed. And as springtime draws to a close, each woman comes face to face with the most difficult challenge of all: reconciling her innermost desires with the path that she has chosen.

Four Wives throws open the doors of suburban dissatisfaction among outrageous wealth, exposing a world that is as troubled as it is blessed.

Users Review

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