

# Suburban Redux: A Nostalgic Journey Through the American Dream

In the quaint town of Willow Creek, nestled amidst rolling hills and manicured lawns, the American Dream is alive and well. The year is 1957, and the postwar era is in full swing. Families are flocking to the suburbs in search of a better life, and Willow Creek is no exception.



## Suburban Redux: A Stage Play by Andrew Biss

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

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Suburban Redux, a thought-provoking and entertaining stage play, takes us on a journey through the complexities of suburban life in America. Set in Willow Creek, the play follows the lives of several families as they navigate the challenges and joys of raising a family in the postwar era.

The play opens with the arrival of the Johnson family, newcomers to Willow Creek. Father George is a successful businessman, eager to provide his wife, Mary, and their two children, Bobby and Susie, with the best that life has to offer. Mother Mary is a devoted housewife, determined to create a loving and stable home for her family.

The Johnsons quickly become acquainted with their neighbors, the Smiths. Father Jim is a World War II veteran who works as a mechanic at the local Ford dealership. Mother Betty is a stay-at-home mom who is struggling to adjust to life in the suburbs after the war.

As the play unfolds, we witness the families' struggles and triumphs as they navigate the challenges of suburban life. The Johnsons must contend with George's long working hours and Mary's growing dissatisfaction with her role as a housewife. The Smiths struggle to make ends meet and to come to terms with Jim's PTSD.

Despite the challenges, the families find solace and support in each other. They share meals, play games, and offer a helping hand whenever needed. The children attend the same school and form close friendships that will last a lifetime.

Suburban Redux is a nostalgic journey through the American Dream. It is a play about family, friendship, and the pursuit of happiness. It is a play that will resonate with anyone who has ever lived in the suburbs, or who has ever dreamed of a better life.

## Characters

- **George Johnson:** Father, husband, and successful businessman
- **Mary Johnson:** Mother, housewife, and devoted wife
- **Bobby Johnson:** Son, age 10
- **Susie Johnson:** Daughter, age 8
- **Jim Smith:** Father, husband, and World War II veteran

- **Betty Smith:** Mother, housewife, and former war factory worker
- **Tommy Smith:** Son, age 12
- **Sally Smith:** Daughter, age 10

## Themes

- The American Dream
- Family
- Friendship
- Nostalgia
- The suburbs

## Reviews

"Suburban Redux is a thought-provoking and entertaining play that explores the complexities of suburban life in America. The characters are well-developed and relatable, and the story is both heartwarming and heartbreaking. I highly recommend this play to anyone who has ever lived in the suburbs, or who has ever dreamed of a better life."

### - The New York Times

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### - The Washington Post

"Suburban Redux is a must-see for anyone interested in American history, culture, or theater. It is a play that will stay with you long after you leave the theater."

## - The Chicago Tribune



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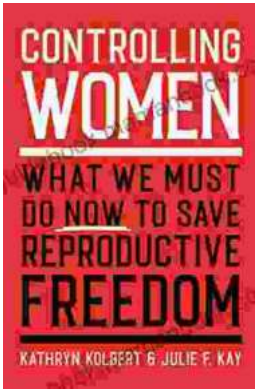
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