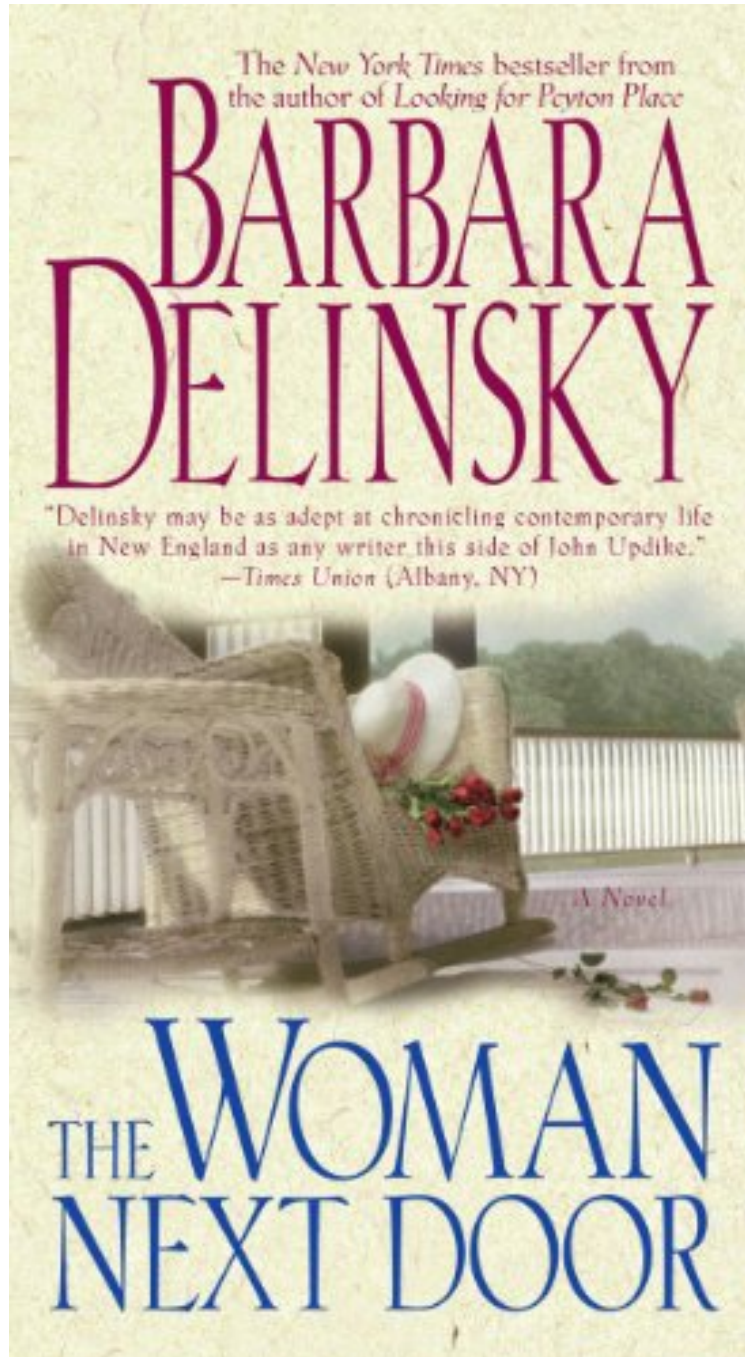


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not it would be worth my time, and all praised *The Woman Next Door* (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An average story written with much feelingVon Kurt KellerAn average story of the average neighbourhood in an average small village. While Amanda and Graham are struggling to conceive, the reserved widow next door, Gretchen, is pregnant and won't tell who the father is. This again does not quite help the worked up marriage of the other neighbours, Karen and Lee, especially as Lee has a history of cheating on his wife. Also Georgia, the last neighbour on the cul-de-sac is asking herself, whether her husband, Russ, could have fathered Gretchen's child. After all she's out on business for most of the week while Russ is at home...Barbara Delinsky has a way of working with the feelings of the characters in the book, fear, expectation, doubt, love, trust, that makes a good read out of an average story.

KurzbeschreibungIn *The Woman Next Door*, New York Times bestselling novelist Barbara Delinsky delivers her most engaging novel to date, a story of trust, jealousy, and the struggle to keep love alive. On a charming cul-de-sac in suburban Connecticut, three close-knit couples find their long-cherished harmony undone when a lovely, younger neighbor, widowed a year ago and presumably still unattached, becomes pregnant. Who is the father? Could it be one of the husbands? One by one, the couples turn inward, taking stock of their marriages and of the loyalties that perhaps have been taken too much for granted. In each case this close scrutiny reveals a weakness, and for each wife the situation becomes the kind of crisis that forces her to make a decision, one that will result in either the strengthening or the dissolution of her marriage. Filled with suspense, surprises, and the kind of insights into the minds and hearts of her characters that have won Barbara Delinsky a huge and loyal following, *The Woman Next Door* is an ingenious portrait of suspicion and deception, faith and love.From BooklistThe seemingly bucolic lives of three families living on a cul-de-sac in an upscale suburban Connecticut town are suddenly undermined by the pregnancy of the young, attractive, and reclusive widow who shares their street. Although the three couples seem to have it all, no household is without its difficulties, and the wives can't help but wonder if one of their husbands is the father. Amanda and Graham O'Leary appear to have the perfect marriage, but the ordeal of infertility treatments is making their lives miserable. Karen Cotter has dealt with her husband's philandering before, but now it's affecting their children. Russ Lange is a househusband while his wife, Georgia, travels the country for her juice company. The wives are good friends, yet they have been less than friendly with the widow while their husbands go over regularly to fix one thing or another around her house, thus underscoring their wives' hostility. Each woman is moved to evaluate her life and find out what is important to her; then, in the midst of all this involving introspection, a crisis materializes at the high school, adding to the tensions in each household. Delinsky's adept and compelling exploration of the inner workings of the modern upper-class American family makes for one of her best books to date, an achievement that should broaden her appeal beyond her faithful romance fans. Patty EngelmannCopyright American Library Association. All rights reservedFrom Library JournalThe woman next door is young, attractive, widowed, and pregnant. Since the neighboring ladies know that she keeps to herself and doesn't receive visitors, they naturally wonder: "Could my husband be the father?" Delinsky's latest novel is like a murder mystery, with clues and even red herrings thrown in along the way, but Delinsky surprises the reader in the end. Her plot concerns the personal problems of the three close couples who live on the widow's cul-de-sac, focusing mainly on Amanda and Graham. Every detail of their own baby quest is noted, including fertility treatments and the dissension with Graham's baby-demanding family. Amanda's job as a school counselor is highlighted, especially when a teenager commits suicide at school. Will Amanda have a baby of her own? And will the father of her neighbor's baby make himself known? Popular author Delinsky (*The Vineyard*) has written another book that will appeal to readers of traditional women's fiction.- Carol J. Bissett, New Braunfels P.L., TX Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.