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Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?". - G. Selerie 1988

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House Program - Stratford Festival Collection  
2001*

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? - Poul Brunn  
1965

Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? -  
Michael Stugrin 1972

**Albee: Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?** -  
Stephen J. Bottoms 2000-09-21

A full study of this major contemporary play,  
including an interview with Edward Albee.

**Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?** - Christopher  
Hudson 1985

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excoriating theatrical experience, surging with  
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*Production Casebook for Edward Albee's Who's  
Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Chris Swanson 1995

*The Role of Martha in Edward Albee's Who's  
Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Diane Geraldine  
Wagner 1998

**Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?** - Edward  
Albee 1962

Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? -

Michael Y. Bennett 2018-07-11

Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* shocked audiences and critics alike with its assault on decorum. At base though, the play is simply a love story: an examination of a long-wedded life, filled with the hopes, dreams, disappointments, and pain that accompany the passing of many years together. While the ethos of the play is tragicomic, it is the anachronistic, melodramatic secret object—the nonexistent "son"—that upends the audience's sense of theatrical normalcy. The mean and vulgar bile spewed among the characters hides these elements, making it feel like something entirely "new." As Michael Y. Bennett reveals, the play is the same emperor, just wearing new clothes. In short, it is straight out of the grand tradition of living room drama: Ibsen, Chekhov, Glaspell, Hellmann, O'Neill, Wilder, Miller, Williams, and Albee.

*Edward Albee, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? - on Stage and Screen* - Pécskői Judit Anna 2001

*The Cambridge Companion to Edward Albee* - Stephen Bottoms 2005-07-21

Edward Albee, perhaps best known for his acclaimed and infamous 1960s drama *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, is one of America's greatest living playwrights. Now in his seventies, he is still writing challenging, award-winning dramas. This collection of essays on Albee, which includes contributions from the leading commentators on Albee's work, brings fresh critical insights to bear by exploring the full scope of the playwright's career, from his 1959 breakthrough with *The Zoo Story* to his recent Broadway success, *The Goat*, or *Who is Sylvia?* (2002). The contributors include scholars of both theatre and English literature, and the essays thus consider the plays both as literary texts and as performed drama. The collection considers a number of Albee's lesser-known and neglected works, provides a comprehensive introduction and overview, and includes an exclusive, original interview with Mr Albee, on topics spanning his

whole career.

**The Role of Honey in Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?** - Luci Michelle Christian 1998

**Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?** - Michael Adams 1985

A guide to reading "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" with a critical and appreciative mind encouraging analysis of plot, style, form, and structure. Also includes background on the author's life and time, sample tests, term paper suggestions, and a reading list.

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" - Aline Duc 1992

**Truth, Illusion and the American Dream in Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf** - Jannis Rudzki-Weise 2010-12

Seminar paper from the year 2009 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,7, University of Kassel, course: 20th Century

British and American Drama, language: English, abstract: Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" has become one of the major works in American dramatic history (Roundane 42) and a huge career boost for Albee himself. This is not surprising as this masterpiece is considered to be revolutionary and ambitious as well as scandalous and highly controversial at the same time. The play, which has been discussed so passionately, "gives us four almost unrelievably nasty people who for something like three-and-a-half hours ...] take part in a drunken orgy of backbiting, bitchery, humiliation, verbal castration, exposure and physical mauling" (Hilfer 121). Not only wanting to entertain the audience but also including social criticism, Albee makes use of essential themes which help to make people understand their situation and to make them realize the necessity to act in order to modify society. In the course of this paper, I am going to attempt to illustrate the importance of the American Dream and to establish a

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Edward Albee, Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf? - Rita-Katharina Bäsig 2003

Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? -

Ernest Lehman 1991

*The Role of George in Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Matthew Michael Scott 1998

**Sexuality in Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf"** - Katharina Kirchmayer 2010-06

Seminar paper from the year 2009 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2, University of Graz (Anglistik), course: Literary Studies II, language: English, abstract: "I don't want to kiss you, Martha." George in Who is Afraid of Virginia Woolf This turns out to be quite a significant statement by George in Edward Albee's drama Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, giving an idea of the unemotional and passionless relationship between him and his wife Martha. By investigating the play, many scenes and indication to hidden sexuality can be

encountered. In addition to that the lack of communication within the two couples, originating from two different generations, result in a complete incapability of managing their relationships. This paper examines how Edward Albee, by highlighting themes of sexuality, reveals general frustrations in life. Frustrated, unsatisfied marriage is a central theme in Albee's *Who is Afraid of Virginia Woolf* and will be investigated by means of dissecting scenes and certain passage of importance.

**Family in Edward Albee's Plays 'The Sandbox' and 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?'** - Nadja Klopsch 2010-02

Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, Ernst Moritz Arndt University of Greifswald (Department of English and American Studies), course: Modul Specialisation, language: English, abstract: The American dramatist Edward Albee is going to celebrate his 80th birthday these days. In his life

he observed several decades of American society as well as changes in attitudes and values of the American population. In almost all of his plays Edward Albee looks at the American family and its various manifestations, criticises it, mocks it, and reveals its dishonesty. His plays frequently contain "the figure of the child which ranges from that of the adopted infant, real or imagined baby, young man, dead child, imaginary person, to that of grown-up homosexual son" (Cristian 1). The figure of the child is often understood as "the alter ego" of Edward Albee (Cristian 6). Shortly afterwards his birth on March 12 1928 Albee was adopted by a wealthy couple. The family was part of the New York high society and tried to bring up their son to be a respectable constituent of this community. Edward Albee sensed early that he was not the couple's biological son. He experienced several conflicts with his parents who disapproved of his lifestyle, interests, sexual orientation and acquaintances. After some years at various boarding schools

and colleges, Albee finally and abruptly left home and broke ties with his adoptive parents in 1949. Albee took employment as runner in an advertising agency, sales clerk in a music shop, bookseller-assistant, waiter in convenience restaurant and telegram deliverer for Western Union. His various occupations not only allowed him to write but through his jobs he was able to observe quite a number of different people and lifestyles. In an interview about his plays and the assumed analogousness of his plays he said: "You must remember

**Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?** - Edward Albee 2006-08-01

A bitter marriage unravels in Edward Albee's darkly humorous play—winner of the Tony Award for Best Play. "Twelve times a week," answered actress Uta Hagen when asked how often she'd like to play Martha in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* In the same way, audiences and critics alike could not get enough of Edward Albee's masterful play. A dark comedy, it

portrays husband and wife George and Martha in a searing night of dangerous fun and games. By the evening's end, a stunning, almost unbearable revelation provides a climax that has shocked audiences for years. With its razor-sharp dialogue and the stripping away of social pretense, *Newsweek* rightly foresaw *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* as "a brilliantly original work of art—an excoriating theatrical experience, surging with shocks of recognition and dramatic fire [that] will be igniting Broadway for some time to come."

Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Edward Albee 1990

THE STORY: George, a professor at a small college, and his wife, Martha, have just returned home, drunk from a Saturday night party. Martha announces, amidst general profanity, that she has invited a young couple--an opportunistic new professor at t *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Matthew Charles Roudané 1990

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Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

- Lloyd Cameron 1996

**Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? /by Edward Albee ; Directed by Eric Steiner, 1982 - Reviews and Articles** - Eric Steiner Collection 1982

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**Everyone's Fine with Virginia Woolf** - Kate Scelsa 2019-08-12

A sharp-witted parody of a celebrated American drama, EVERYONE'S FINE WITH VIRGINIA WOOLF is, in turns, loving homage and fierce feminist takedown. Kate Scelsa's incisive and hilarious reinvention of Edward Albee's classic Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? slyly subverts the power dynamics of the original play's not-so-happy couple. In the end, no one will be left unscathed by the ferocity of Martha's revenge on an unsuspecting patriarchy.



Albee: Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? - Stephen J. Bottoms 2000-09-21

This is the first detailed study of one of the most important plays in contemporary theater. In this fascinating look at the modern stage, Stephen Bottoms draws on original archival material and sources including an exclusive interview with Edward Albee. The Introduction considers the text of the play itself; part one provides a survey of the major productions from 1962 to 1999, including the film. Part two examines shifting critical responses to the play and the third and final part offers a detailed examination of five different performances.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? /by Edward Albee ; Directed by Michael Shamata, 1998 - House Program - Grand Theatre Collection (University of Guelph) 1998

**A Comparison of Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? as Drama and as Film** - William Allin Storrer 1968

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and his wife. Examining selected scenes, I will try to clarify the aspects Albee criticizes and explain the requests the author has. For many people the 'American Dream' is an ethos that grants everybody the opportunity to achieve "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness"(Declaration of Independence). The myths of success and virtue seem to be a goal Americans have been striving to achieve for a long time. Dreams can be fulfilled by anybody, no matter the social background, through hard work and determination. Writing the play during the Cold War in 1962, when the world was close to a nuclear war, Albee responded to the questioning of the patriotic beliefs which was an ongoing problem in the USA.

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Gale 2016

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Albee 1983-03  
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