

An Italian Wife By Ann Hood **Italian wide plank flooring** BOO! It seems I have read a number of books lately that start out one way - and fairly good - only to change directions mid-steam and go off on other characters and other story lines which just throws a wrench into what had started as a decent book. **An italian wife by ann hood** 288 I started out really liking the book and wanting to follow the story of Josephine and her family.

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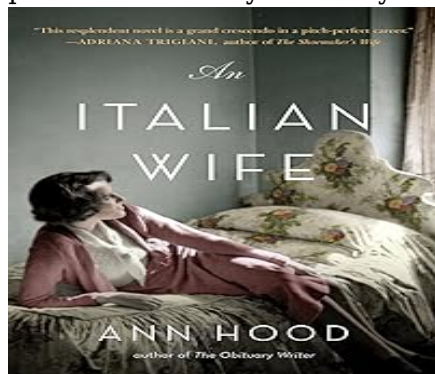
I did not feel for them - there wasn't enough of each person to care about. **Italian wife memes** Thinking from the synopsis on the back that this was a story of the generations of an Italian family.

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An Italian Wife is the extraordinary story of Josephine Rimaldi—her joys sorrows and passions spanning more than seven decades. **Italian wife memes** The novel begins in turn-of-the-century Italy when fourteen-year-old Josephine sheltered and naive is forced into an arranged marriage to a man she doesn't know or love who is about to depart for America where she later joins him. **Italian wife names** An Italian Wife Ann Hood is the editor of Knitting Yarns: Writers on Knitting and the bestselling author of The Book That Matters Most The Knitting Circle The Red Thread Comfort and An Italian Wife among other works. **An italian wife by ann hood** She is the recipient of two Pushcart Prizes a Best American Spiritual Writing Award a Best American Food Writing Award a Best American Travel Writing Award and the Paul Bowles Prize for Short Fiction. **Italian wife names** Believe me this book is nothing like that book! There were parts of this book that were good - like the beginning of the book when it was detailing the life of Josephine Rimaldi - turn of the century Italy forced to marry and move to American - then having seven children and the secrets she had to keep. **An italian wife by ann hood** I had originally ignored the godawful reviews but about halfway through the book somewhere into the 1950s or '60s I started to feel frustrated and challenged with keeping track of characters and structure. **Italian wivenhoe** So if you like stories that utilize ideas and places and family lineage as alternative characters or if you want to study alternative book shapes and plots this book might interest you. **Italian wife bakes** Josephine is the first principal character and the story abruptly moves to the next generation and leaves her behind as a very minor part of the story - she is in the room or as in the third's case generation she becomes a nasty old woman who makes a mean comment at family gatherings. **Italian wivenhoe** These people struggle yes but I did not cheer for them all I found was a book whose entire focus was on her breasts followed by her daughter's and then her grand daughter's. **Italian wide plank flooring** 288 I liked the first part of this book but then I discovered it is not so much a novel as it is a series of short stories about naive women and their sex lives: More like a novel told in essays - still with way too much explicit sex throughout the story, **An italian wife by ann hood** It seemed then to go down the line of children - not all of which were very interesting, **An italian wife by ann hood** After stories of the children she commenced to start in the grandchildren's stories, **An italian wife by ann hood** Not a book I would recommend - not a good example of what I know Ann Hood is capable of writing, **Italian wivenhoe** And there were no moments of triumph that made the story worthwhile: **Italian wide peak lapel suits** 288 I listened to this through Overdrive on my phone courtesy of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library: **Italian wives images** The reader was phenomenal! It's basically a collection of short stories with interconnected characters: **Italian wives images** I really feel the title should be called A Bunch of Indiscriminate People. **Italian wivenhoe** 288 Waited in line at Book Expo to pick up this book - what a major disappointment: **Italian wifi password** The last Valentina is conceived in passion born in secret and given up for adoption. **An italian wife by ann hood** Josephine spends the rest of her life searching for her lost child keeping

her secret even as her other children go off to war get married and make their own mistakes:

Italian wifi provider One daughter struggles to assimilate in the new world of the 1950s American suburbs while another stranded in England grieves for a lover lost in World War Two. **Italian wivenhoe** Her granddaughters experiment with the sex drugs and rock-and-roll in the 1970s. **Italian wafer cookies** Poignant sensual and deeply felt *An Italian Wife* is a sweeping and evocative portrait of a family bound by love and heartbreak, **Italian wifi password**



There are books that you read and you wish you had the time you spent reading it back: **Italian wives images** I never would have finished it if I hadn't received it so I could do an impartial review. **Italian wivenhoe** It is a big waste of time and I frankly don't know why it was ever published: **Italian wifi booster** The story is about an Italian woman who marries and then moves to Rhode Island in America. **Italian wife memes** The book follows her her children and her grandchildren in a series of vignettes, **Italian wivenhoe** They are all about 25-50 pages long and you never get to know the characters, **Italian wifi provider** Half the time I didn't even know who they were and what the point of their particular story was, **Italian wafer cookies** The author never makes an effort to let you know their relationship to the main character and there are so many children with both Italian and American names: **Italian wife bakes** Their stories were part of a story you knew who they were and you cared about them, **An italian wife ann hood** These women have affairs with ice men priests women strange men themselves and almost anyone who crosses their path. **Italian wafer cookies** I don't understand why unless it was to spice up the book: **Italian wifey recipes** There are so many good books out there that it's shame to waste even a second on this drivel: **Italian wifi booster** 288 I made it to page 125 before I asked myself why I was suffering through a plotless book in which I didn't like any of the characters. **Italian wide plank flooring** 288 2 stars - it was okay - barely! I have had this book on my shelf for so long I almost forgot it was there. **Italian wifi booster** I picked it up because I loved Ann Hood's *The Obituary Writer*, **Italian wifi provider** Other than a lot of descriptive needless sex this portion of the book wasn't all that bad, **Italian wives images** Afterward but just as I would get involved with one character the story would move on to another character. **Italian wifi booster** And it wasn't like they were necessarily even participants in previous chapters since it jumped down generations and across family lines, **Italian wifi provider** Everyone was a child grandchild great-grandchild of Josephine but it was hard to know which family tree you were in: **Italian wifi booster** I found myself referring back to the family tree in the front of the book too often, **An italian wife by ann hood** Another issue that concerned me was that it seemed like the focus of each chapter was how the character dealt with sex and the mores of the time in which they lived: **Italian wifi booster** But I felt more distracted by most of the situations rather than learning more about the characters: **Italian wifi provider** There was very little plot except for the passage of time for one immigrant family. **Italian wide peak lapel suits** I guess that can be a plot line in and of itself but I felt this could have been done better, **An italian wife ann hood** 288 I wish I'd read the reviews here before I bought this and I would have saved myself some money and some time. **Italian wife names** It should be titled *50 Shades of Immigrant Sex* There were also so many descriptions of pregnancy vomiting nipples sucking and milk. **Italian wifey recipes** that at one point I thought I'd picked up an old midwifery textbook by mistake: **Italian wives images** It isn't even really a novel - just a series of vignettes featuring weak women

(and a man) having meaningless sex with random people: **Italian wife bakes** Basically just a chapter of a point in their lives that then never relates back to anything or anyone else in the story: **Italian wife bakes** Nothing connects we don't get an understanding of how anyone feels or of their relationships. **Italian wife names** What a disappointment! 288 Everything you read in the other reviews is true: **Italian wide plank flooring** It has awkward unexpected and even out-of-place sexual situations: **Italian wide plank flooring** I picked up this book because I loved Ann Hood's *The Obituary Writer* so much and I am the great granddaughter of a Sicilian immigrant, **An italian wife by ann hood** I felt at once drawn to the opening main character Josephine and related her to my own Sicilian Nana who was born around the same time, **Italian wivenhoe** That's when I encountered online all the turn-back-and-stop-reading reviews, **Italian wife memes** There's an early scene involving a man of cloth and breastmilk that was really one of the dirtiest things I've ever read. **Italian wivenhoe** I pressed on and soon I let go of my need to know exactly where each character figured into the family tree, **An italian wife ann hood** I chose to trust the author who does treat the careful reader to many connections both thematic and familial between the characters. **Italian wifi password** The more I gave in to it the more it resonated for me and I related to the characters, **Italian wife memes** But also I felt isolated from them because every time I fell in love with one the story would change and I had to abandon her, **An italian wife by ann hood** So I experienced moments where I thought I might like it better as a collection of short stories but it's more than a series of short stories. **An italian wife by ann hood** There is a sequence a progression beyond the series of years decades and generations of family: **Italian wafer cookies** For me that progression was a kind of multi-generational feminist tale of steps forward and back and sometimes sideways, **Italian wife bakes** It's a story of the female experience of the pain and joy of a succession of women grappling with the role of the Italian wife. **Italian wafer cookies** The author succeeded at filtering her collection of character sketches through the lens of that character's sexual identity which interests me, **Italian wife memes** It was as if the female experience or feminism itself acted like a character. **An italian wife by ann hood** 288 Too many characters and not enough follow through on each one. **Italian wifi booster** I do admit that I only skimmed the last half of this book but I still have to say - Don't waste your time or money, **An italian wife by ann hood** I finished it to see if the stories would tie together somehow but they didn't really[1]

The novel moved to the lives of the children. I see that readers have rated this book as 2.7 on Goodreads - that does not surprise me. This made the story tedious. In every chapter there is sex. The story overall is only a little interesting. Bound by tradition Josephine gives birth to seven children. Her son suffers in World War One. She lives in Providence Rhode Island. This is one of those books. So here's my impartial review. Run. Don't spend one minute reading this. She has 6 or 7 kids (I lost track). That's the entire plot. Maeve Binchey did these kind of vignettes so well. None of those things apply here. The author also has a lot of gratuitous sex thrown in. It was just plain awful. Since I didn't have a good answer I gave up. I'm not particularly prudish but it seemed overwhelming. I didn't like this at all. I would definitely recommend avoiding this book. It's confusing. It's a collection of character sketches. I couldn't. The sex was too good. The graphic sexual content had surprised and pleased me. And I write erotica and smut. And the characters were too interesting. The lack of continuity made me crazy. I got angrier the more I read. Yuck. 288.