

For many years, the online resource for John Updike studies was *The Centaurian*, a website maintained by James Yerkes with the assistance of a great many people. Here is one of the surviving pages from that website. Although the information is now available in the new Library of America edition of *John Updike: The Collected Stories*, we offer it here as a convenient resource.

## **Talk about great help! American Literature Scholar Marshall Boswell Has Prepared a Chronological Sequence for the Collection of 103 *Early Stories***

**Marshall Boswell at Rhodes College, author of *John Updike's Rabbit Tetralogy* (U. of Missouri Press, 2001), did yeoman's work in preparing this list. How paltry would be the service of this page without the support of persons like Marshall, and especially this week, Robert McCoy, Larry Randen and David Weber. Heartfelt thanks to them each one, but here especially to Marshall.**

### **John Updike, *The Early Stories 1953-1975* Chronology**

**Prepared by Marshall Boswell**

#### **1950s**

- 1. Ace in the Hole 12/9/53**
- 2. Friends from Philadelphia 6/54**
- 3. Tomorrow and Tomorrow and So Forth 1/20/55**
- 4. Dentistry and Doubt 3/28/55**
- 5. Kid's Whistling, The 6/16/55**
- 6. Toward Evening 11/16/55**
- 7. Lucid Eye in a Silver Town, The '56-'64**

- 8. Snowing in Greenwich Village 1/56**
- 9. Who Made Yellow Roses Yellow? 3/56**
- 10. Sunday Teasing 5/20/56**
- 11. His Finest Hour 5/56**
- 12. Trillion Feet of Gas, A 11/56**
- 13. Gift from the City, A 4/57**
- 14. Incest 4/10/57**
- 15. Alligators, The 1/9/58**
- 16. Happiest I've Been, The 2/7/58**
- 17. Walter Briggs 6/12/58**
- 18. Persistence of Desire, The 7/19/58**
- 19. Still Life 12/58**
- 20. Flight 2/21/59**
- 21. Dear Alexandros 10/4/59**
- 22. Should Wizard Hit Mommy? 4/11/59**
- 23. Sense of Shelter, A 10/59**

## **1960s**

- 24. Wife-Wooing 1/11/60**
- 25. Archangel 3/60**
- 26. Pigeon Feathers 3/60**
- 27. Sea's Green Sameness, The 3/24/60**

- 28. Home 3/24/60**
- 29. You'll Never Know, Dear, How Much I Love You 4/60**
- 30. Astronomer, The 6/18/60**
- 31. A&P 7/18/60**
- 32. Doctor's Wife, The 8/20/60**
- 33. Lifeguard 8/24/60**
- 34. Crow in the Woods, The 8/24/60**
- 35. Blessed Man of Boston, My Grandmother's Thimble, and Fanning Island 9/27/60**
- 36. Packed Dirt, Churchgoing, a Dying Cat, a Traded Car 5/2/61**
- 37. Unstuck 6/1/61**
- 38. In Football Season 11/28/61**
- 39. Madman, A 3/1/62**
- 40. Indian, The 2/8/62**
- 41. Giving Blood 3/10/62**
- 42. Solitaire 8/11/62**
- 43. Leaves 10/62**
- 44. Stare, The 11/62**
- 45. Museums and Women 12/12/62**
- 46. Avec la Bebe Sitter 12/21/62**
- 47. Twin Beds in Rome 2/13/63**
- 48. Four Sides of One Story 2/25/63**

- 49. Morning, The 3/13/63**
- 50. At a Bar in Charlotte Amalie 5/4/63**
- 51. Christian Roommates, The 6/63**
- 52. Eros Rampant 7/28/63**
- 53. My Lover Has Dirty Fingernails 7/19/63**
- 54. Eclipse 7/28/63**
- 55. Harv is Plowing Now 10/2/63**
- 56. Music School, The 11/1/63**
- 57. Rescue, The 5/9/64**
- 58. Dark, The 6/13/64**
- 59. Bulgarian Poetess 12/26/64**
- 60. Family Meadow, The 1/4/65**
- 61. Man and Daughter in the Cold 1/18/65**
- 62. Hermit, The 1/25/65**
- 63. During the Jurassic 4/0/65**
- 64. Witnesses, The 6/21/65**
- 65. Marching through Boston 8/13/65**
- 66. Taste of Metal, The 2/22/66**
- 67. Your Lover Just Called 7/30/66**
- 68. Slump, The 11/22/67**
- 69. Under the Microscope 11/29/67**

**70. Day of the Dying Rabbit, The 10/15/68**

**71. I Am Dying, Egypt, Dying 1/6/69/**

**72. Deacon, The 2/5/69**

**73. Corner, The 5/69**

**74. I Will No Let Thee Go, Except Thou Bless Me 5/4/69**

**75. Hillies, The 8/28/69**

**76. Orphaned Swimming Pool, The 9/5/69**

## **1970s**

**77. Plumbing 5/7/70**

**78. Carol Sing, The 5/30/70**

**79. Minutes of the Last Meeting 1/20/71**

**80. Baluchitherium, The 4/28/71**

**81. Sublimating 5/8/71**

**82. Tarbox Police, The 5/14/71**

**83. When Everyone Was Pregnant 6/1/71**

**84. Invention of the Horse Collar, The 8/23/71**

**85. Jesus on Honshu 9/9/71**

**86. Commercial 11/14/71**

**87. Believers /1/72**

**88. Gun Shop, The 2/25/72**

**89. How to Love America and Leave It at the Same Time 7/7/72**

- 90. Nevada 9/2/72**
- 91. Son 2/6/73**
- 92. Daughter, Last Glimpses of 6/26/73**
- 93. Ethiopia 8/9/73**
- 94. Transaction 9/10/73**
- 95. Nakedness 4/27/74**
- 96. Separating 7/13/74**
- 97. Augustine's Concubine 11/1/74**
- 98. Gesturing 12/9/74**
- 99. Killing 1/20/75**
- 100. Constellation of Events, A 3/11/75**
- 101. Man Who Loved Extinct Animals 5/75**
- 102. Problems 8/12/75**
- 103. Love Song, for a Moog Synthesizer 10/21/75**

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