



## Suburban Sketches (Paperback)

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England May that we left the horse-car, and, spreading our

umbrellas, walked down the street to our new home in

Charlesbridge, through a storm of snow and rain so finely blent

by the influences of this fortunate climate, that no flake knew

itself from its sister drop, or could be better identified by the

people against whom they beat in unison. A vernal gale from the

east fanned our cheeks and pierced our marrow and chilled our

blood, while the raw, cold green of the adventurous grass on the

borders of the sopping sidewalks gave, as it peered through its

veil of melting snow and freezing rain, a peculiar cheerfulness to

the landscape. Here and there in the vacant lots abandoned

hoop-skirts defied decay; and near the half-finished wooden

houses, empty mortar-beds, and bits of lath and slate strewn

over the scarred and mutilated ground, added their interest to

the scene. A shaggy drift hung upon the trees before our own

house (which had been built some years earlier),...



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