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# Veronica Henry

## Marriage and Other Games



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## Description

When girl-about-town Charlotte discovers her husband has been arrested for fraud, she flees to the wilds of Exmoor to nurse her broken heart. But she's not the only person with a life in turmoil.

Sebastian - bad boy of the British art scene - is determined to drink the local pub dry while his wife lives it up in London.

Fitch married the high-spirited Hayley hoping for wedded bliss, but is struggling to keep up with her outrageous demands.

Penny is recently divorced and determined to have fun.

As Charlotte adapts to life without L K Bennett and Starbucks, she turns to her new-found friends for advice. But can she forgive her husband for what he did, before it's too late?

## Insightful reviews

Sam: A book with a country feel. If you have ever dreamed of escaping the city and being accepted into a small country community then this book is for you. It has elements of real life and some totally predictable moments that you just want to happen. If you want a good light read that makes your heart glow you won't be disappointed.

Marianne: *Marriage and Other Games* is the fourth stand-alone novel by English author Veronica Henry. Sebastian Turner, bad boy of the British art scene, in the throes of artistic block, under pressure from his wife, TV's "agony sister" Catkin Turner, to produce work to maintain their image, is holed up in his family home, Withybrook House, drinking the local pub dry. Charlotte Briggs, home renovator for the rich and famous, finds herself suddenly homeless, jobless, and friendless when her husband Ed embezzles the funds from a charity fund raiser and lands in jail. Gussie, the only friend who has stuck by her, suggests she renovate a family cottage in the Exmoor village of Withybrook. Local Withybrook stonemason, Fitch fears for his marriage to Hayley, the beautiful daughter of the oldest Withybrook family, the Politmores, when she takes up with the obscenely rich ex-boxer and thug, Kirk Lambert, citing a need to escape, but Fitch is determined to save his young daughters, Jade and Amber, from their mother's excesses. Penny Silver, divorced mother of teenaged Tom and Megan and GP in a nearby village, hopes to find someone to share her life after Bill. What do these four rather different people have in common? Veronica Henry throws this unlikely crew together in a remote village and lets the chips fall where they may. This novel has an original plot with quite a few twists and completely unpredictable outcomes. Henry crafts her characters carefully, with enough detail to give even some of the lesser characters depth and complexity. The dialogue is authentic and the village atmosphere is well conveyed. This is probably Henry's best yet.

Anne: Veronica Henry really does get better and better - I've been reading her books since *Honeycote* back in 2002, and she seems to have found her niche now somewhere between Jilly Cooper and Rosie Thomas. Raunchy, sad, romantic and outrageous in turn, this was a thoroughly enjoyable read with excellent writing and a little more depth than you might expect. Loved it.

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Veronica: this can be truly known as Marriage and different video games

Jo: completely enjoyed this Jilly Cooper-esque book. cherished the characters no matter if the tale had a predictable ending. might definitely learn extra through this author.

Maeve Reimer: first-class learn in case you are attracted to British something :)

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