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From loss breeds new beginnings.

Vivian Monroe had been jaded. Her husband's death only compounded the lies she'd only come to learn about.

Clayton North knows a thing or two about loss. He figured it was fate for him to meet Vivian Monroe. He'll take on the challenge of helping her mend her heart.

Midst new friendships and new romance, Vivian must let go of her pain and face the woman who helped Adam Monroe weave his deceptive web.

## Vivian Details

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## **From Reader Review Vivian for online ebook**

### **Katie says**

This romance novel is really moving and memorable. Vivian is one of three women who have had their lives turned upside down by the same man, and after his death, instead of resenting each other they end up working together to rebuild their lives. I thought that the author did a great job of making this believable, and making Vivian both complicated, due to the circumstances, and overall really likable. In the story, Vivian begins a relationship with Clayton, a widower, and has to make sense of the life she wants to lead. I like that Vivian grows believably, it makes the situation and relationships in the story seem more grounded. Vivian and her well written friends, as well as the impending danger to the main character, all kept me really invested in the book.

I received a free copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Gina Meier says**

I loved how Bernadette Marie wrapped up this series. I haven't gotten much done since I got home from work because I needed to know how it was going to end. I knew Vivian had a heart and that someone was able to get to her. It was unfortunate how these three came together but now they have a huge and beautiful family. Fate works in mysterious ways and sometimes you just have to follow your heart. Thank you for another amazing series.

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### **Holly (2 Kids and Tired) says**

The Three Mrs. Monroes wraps up with wife number one, Vivian's story. Vivian must not only come to grips with Adam's bigamy, but the fact that her marriage was never legal. As she moves forward with Amelia and Penelope with plans to open the daycare, the house renovations uncover more secrets. Secrets that her psychotic mother-in-law held and that Vivian discovered. Truths about her relationship with Adam and why it had deteriorated so much before he married the others.

As she comes to grips with this new information, she also meets Clayton North, a widower whose daughters will attend Vivian's daycare. Attracted to Clayton, she must come to terms with her waning feelings for Adam and the sorrow she feels over the relationship they were never able to have.

The story wraps up well with lots of excitement. Vivian was the most prickly wife to start with, but she becomes the most human by the end.

This series was light and enjoyable. Each book was a fairly quick read with bits of depth here and there.

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## **krypticbooks says**

The third and final installment of the Adam Monroe series by Bernadette Marie. And it definitely slightly toned down the sweetness. Other than the love story there is also a series mystery solved in this book. We find out who was behind sabotaging the daycare center and who was targeting Vivian. Read more at: [krypticbooks.wordpress.com](http://krypticbooks.wordpress.com)

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## **Gina says**

Perfect series, loved it!

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## **Margaret Appel says**

Vivian finishes out the tale of The Three Mrs. Monroes, giving us her side of her marriage to Adam Monroe, the ugliness of her mother-in-law, and how she moves past her grief over Adam's death. The Three Mrs. Monroes have bonded, and the secrets/lies of Adam Monroe have made them sisters of the heart. Amelia and Penelope are part of this last book.

I thought the Keller Family and Walker Family series were awesome, but this series is out of the ballpark. I can't recommend this series enough!

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## **Marsha Spohn says**

First reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

The final story in The Three Mrs. Monroes series is a compelling,, emotional and satisfying conclusion to the tale of three woman who unknowingly married the same man – and the aftermath of his lies, and their futures.

Vivian has always been the hardest, most bitter of the women caught up in Adam's web of lies. Now at the conclusion of the story I better understand why she is that way. Vivian has had difficulties with Adam's mother from the very start. We were given glimpses into the havoc Stella has caused in the earlier novels – but we had absolutely no clue just how deeply her psychotic, manipulative, nastiness actually went until now.

Recently widowed teacher Clayton and his adorable two daughters were the first to step up to the doors of the daycare center to be enrolled in the ladies' new venture. There was a spark at that first meeting between Vivian and Clayton, in the second novel, and now we get to see Vivian when she is allowed to love and be loved in return – no games, no subterfuge simply loved for exactly who she is. And actually the “normal” Vivian is a sympathetic, likeable character. She is definitely the focus of all the novels as it is her story that brought all of this craziness about, even if she (and we the reader) was unaware of it at the beginning. Stella is one nasty piece of work – and just how badly she has messed with Vivian's life will become heartbreakingly clear.

In Vivian we will see all the strings tied up, a mystery solved, new life begin and see Vivian in a new light as she sheds years of unknown abuse, bitterness and is finally free to be the woman she always should have been. When I first started this series Vivian was far from my favorite character, today she is a shining star because now I understand exactly what has been beneath the surface for her over the years.

This entire series has been a delightful read for me. I've enjoyed the threaded mystery, the love stories, the growth of the characters and the ending was perfectly wrapped up in an extremely satisfying manner. I would not hesitate to recommend this series to any romance reader. You will be taken on an emotional roller coaster but it is well worth the ride. Indulge yourself and enjoy.

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### **Lacy says**

Extremely well written story with a wonderful cast of characters. Marie draws you into this story full of family, love, grief, devotion and mystery. I truly enjoy the interaction of Amelia, Penelope and Vivan and how a tragedy could bring three women so close together in every aspect of their lives. I give this book a 5 star rating. And even though this is a series this book is a must read.

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### **Michelle Potter says**

I loved how it all came together. All three books create a beautiful story about true and loving friendship between three women. I'm going to miss these women.

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### **Jessica Alcazar says**

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FANTASTIC read by Bernadette Marie! As you know from Amelia's & Penelope's story, Vivian is one of 3 wives to a now deceased soldier.

If THAT alone does not have you running to buy this entire series, I don't know what will.

I laughed (and maybe cried a bit) through this entire series!

I loved how Bernadette Marie wrapped up this series. Loved how these three women were able to take this preposterous situation and turn it around into a lifetime of love, happiness, family and friendship.

The concept behind this series is phenomenal and Bernadette Marie did an exceptional job of telling each individual story really really well!

5 OVER THE MOON STARS for not only THIS book, but the entire series!

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### **April Wood says**

What's It About?

“Let’s heal together. Let’s move on together. Let’s see what comes.”

A lot has happened with the Monroe women in the six months after Adam Monroe died, including pregnancy, marriage, and new beginnings.

“Clayton North was her miracle, and she was going to embrace him.”

Book 3 is the final installment of The Three Mrs. Monroes trilogy, and is Vivian’s story, which includes a conclusion to the mystery of who ransacked the attic in book 2, and a honeymoon to remember...

Finally, Vivian finds love, forgiveness and her new beginning, with Clayton North.

### My Thoughts

I love this series, and I’m disappointed to have reached the end. I will miss these women and their stories very much. I am satisfied with the conclusion, and I enjoyed seeing the women finally get their happily-ever-after.

I loved the characters, and in this installment we meet Clayton, who is an absolute gem. His back-story was interesting, and his personality complemented Vivian’s. He was an excellent addition to this series.

The author calls this book, “the rise of Vivian”, and I couldn’t agree more. She moves on from the past, falls in love, and finally is able to forgive Adam. Vivian is able to heal her broken heart, with the help of a compassionate man.

The plot of book 3 was predictable. In book 2, the author hinted to Clayton and Vivian getting together, so I wasn’t surprised when they did. Their relationship felt rushed to me. It was too much, too fast. (Then again, the entire installment was a bit of a whirlwind!)

The climax was confusing and a bit of a stretch. I didn’t understand why this person was after Vivian, and for what? Why was SHE the target? And why after all this time?

Despite the above mentioned predictable plot, and confusing climax, there is still a lot to love about Vivian, and The Three Mrs. Monroes book series, in general. The characters in this series are not only lovable, but memorable. The scenario that the women find themselves in is extremely unique, and unlike anything I have ever read before. I love the author’s writing style, and I’m eager to read more romances by her. I would recommend this series to fans of military romance and family-themed contemporary romance with an HEA!

\*\*\*I received a paperback copy of this novel in exchange for a thoughtful, fair, and honest book review. This in no way swayed my opinion or rating.\*\*\*

Full book review: <https://aprillwood.wordpress.com/2015...>

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### SL says

I actually think this one was my favorite in the series. Loved all of the Mrs. Monroes!

