

Meet the Characters of

Six Weeks With You



Sometimes the people—and animals—who change our lives arrive when we're least prepared for them. Meet Vicki, Daniel, and Gunner, the three hearts at the centre of *Six Weeks With You*.

Vicki Meyers

The artist trying to figure out who she is when no one else is telling her who to be.

Vicki Meyers has come to Montreal for a fresh start. She doesn't have much: a tiny apartment, a waitressing job, two suitcases of clothes, and a determination to build a life on her own terms.

After growing up with an addicted mother and spending years in a controlling relationship, Vicki has learned that keeping people at a distance is often safer than letting them close. She's friendly but guarded, capable but uncertain, and far more courageous than she gives herself credit for.

Vicki has always expressed herself best through art. Her sketches reveal the feelings she struggles to put into words, and as she begins creating again, she slowly starts rediscovering the parts of herself she left behind.

Then a frightened shelter dog—and a warmhearted man named Daniel—begin making her carefully constructed solitude a little more crowded.

A few things about Vicki:

- She was born in Toronto and grew up in Ottawa.
- Her mother is a Franco-Ontarian (a French speaker from Ontario, as opposed to Quebec), and Vicki speaks both English and French.
- She loves to draw but hates writing.
- She has a particular eye for architecture and design.
- Baking and decorating cookies is another creative outlet.
- She has a tendency to talk when she's nervous—and then immediately regret everything she said.
- She doesn't own a phone. Yes, it's the year 2000. Yes, people have opinions about this.

Daniel Ho

The man with a plan for his future who didn't expect Vicki to become part of his present.

Twenty-six-year-old Daniel Ho is warm, funny, successful, and preparing for a long-awaited move to Hong Kong.

He's also newly divorced.

Daniel grew up in a close Montreal family with loving parents and three brothers, giving him the kind of security Vicki has never known. But his failed marriage has left him questioning some of his own choices and wondering how he missed what was happening right in front of him.

Daniel is naturally encouraging and generous, although his enthusiasm can occasionally turn into taking over a project. Unlike the people in Vicki's past, however, he doesn't want to remake her. He wants to know what *she* wants.

What begins as an unexpected friendship soon becomes something neither of them planned for—made all the more complicated by the fact that Daniel's departure date isn't changing.

A few things about Daniel:

- He's twenty-six.
- He attended the University of Ottawa.
- He's a forensic accountant.
- He's wanted to live in Hong Kong since he was young.
- He comes from a family of four boys.
- He has a weakness for corny sentiments.
- Once he gets excited about a project, there's very little stopping him.
- His favorite winter hat is a Montreal Canadiens toque with a big pom-pom—and Vicki has thoughts about it.

Gunner

The very good boy who isn't convinced the world is a very good place. Yet.

Gunner is approximately five years old and believed to be a husky-pit bull mix. He arrives at the Montreal animal shelter after being abandoned in an apartment, starving and severely traumatized.

Trust does not come easily to him.

When Vicki begins volunteering at the shelter, she recognizes something in the frightened dog curled up in the corner of his pen. Neither of them is particularly comfortable with strangers. Neither is certain that kindness can be trusted. And both have become very good at making themselves small.

Vicki decides she's going to help Gunner find the loving home he deserves.

Gunner may have a few ideas of his own about where that home should be.

A few things about Gunner:

- He has striking turquoise-blue eyes.
- He has a husky-like snout and build, short fur, and floppy ears.
- Beef jerky is an excellent negotiating tool.
- He has perfected the deeply expressive sigh.
- He is an enthusiastic taste-tester of things that were absolutely not intended for dogs.
- New situations require patience, treats, and sometimes a little pee cleanup.
- He becomes increasingly fond of a certain tall human named Daniel.
- His greatest talent may be recognizing another lost soul when he meets one.

Vicki + Daniel + Gunner

Vicki thinks she's in Montreal to disappear.

Daniel thinks leaving is the way to mend his heart.

Gunner is simply trying to learn that the world can be safe.

None of them expects to find exactly what they need in one another.

For six weeks, three lives come together in a tiny Montreal apartment—and each discovers that sometimes family isn't the place you came from.

Sometimes it's the place where you finally belong.