

Seven Remarkable Women

SIX COUNTRIES, FOUR CONTINENTS, TWO YEARS: A ROMANTIC COMEDY.





Logline

After decades of marriage, a psychotherapist leaves everything behind to travel the world. His encounters with seven remarkable women, aged 34 to 84, transform his life in wildly unexpected ways. Loosely based on the screenwriter's life.

Format: Feature Film

Genre: True Story Rom-com

References: Eat Pray Love, Before Sunset

Status: Script available. Seeking director

Synopsis

Nick (70), a former psychotherapist, leaves behind a half-century of marriage to explore the world. Visiting an Amsterdam brothel, he enjoys an intimate, wildly erotic afternoon with Emerald (35), a bright, voluptuous South African. However, he realizes that his ultimate search is not about new experiences or geography, but about understanding love. On the train to southern France, during a Zoom call, he reflects on this with Priya (70), a long-time friend, meditation partner, and California spiritual teacher. Romantically interested now that he is divorced, she invites him to visit when he returns to America.

Meanwhile, arriving in charming, seaside Collioure, Nick meets Mara (62), a beautiful Oregon artist and writer. Surprised and delighted to discover shared spiritual and creative paths, they become enamored. His new motto: No expectations, no limitations. However, Nick has two disappointments. First, he suddenly cannot get hard. Second, Mara isn't really available until her husband, with early dementia, no longer recognizes her.

Ready for love, when Nick meets Priya in Mexico, they are exuberantly romantic. But he is again frustrated by his inability to get hard and determines to remedy it. Meanwhile, when they migrate to her California home, Priya, although a spiritual icon, turns explosively abusive. Astonished, Nick considers parting, at which point she flies into a violent rage, cementing his determination to leave.

For beauty, warmth, and help from a Tantrika, he visits Cape Town. Lady Godiva (42) leads him on a Tantric journey to cut the cords between him and every woman Nick has ever loved, saying that his burden of responsibility caused his cock to "go on strike." On her advice, he joins a shamanic retreat, where he practices sacred devotion to a young woman who has never trusted a man to touch her vagina. Then, to embrace his feminine side, he allows a woman to anally penetrate him.



Taking a sabbatical from romance, Nick walks Martha's Vineyard's beaches for weeks, meditating about what he wants from a woman. Ready to partner, he meets Sabine (55) through a dating app. Smart, spiritual, sensual, and seemingly wall-matched, she invites him to visit her at home in Vienna. They enjoy a fiery romance first in Austria, then in Biarritz. Moreover, released from responsibility for his lovers' happiness, he no longer experiences sexual dysfunction. Yet, eventually, Sabine, too, becomes critical and aggressive. And when she votes for Austria's Neo-Nazi party, Nick breaks with her. He realizes he has a pattern of choosing lovers who sabotage deep intimacy.

At a Martha's Vineyard film festival, with no thoughts of romance, Nick befriends June, a sophisticated, cheeky 84-year-old. Enthusing about literature, art, and travel, they fall in love and spend a year in Mexico, New Zealand, and France. She seems to finally be the one. But back on the Vineyard, they hit an Oedipal wall. June's son, Ax, living in a wing of her splendid home, is insanely jealous and physically threatens Nick. When June won't show Ax the door, Nick, profoundly disappointed, leaves. But he realizes that only self-love will satisfy his boundless need for love.

While visiting Kyoto's glorious Zen temples, he meditates at length. Then he flies to Hoi An, Vietnam, a charming beach town, where the owner of his favorite café intrigues him. Unlike any woman he has ever known, Mai (44) is refreshingly both self-respecting and devotional. He looks for red flags and worries about their radically different backgrounds, but she wins his whole heart. Playful and harmonious, they live together with ever-deepening love.



Comparables





Mara



Sabine

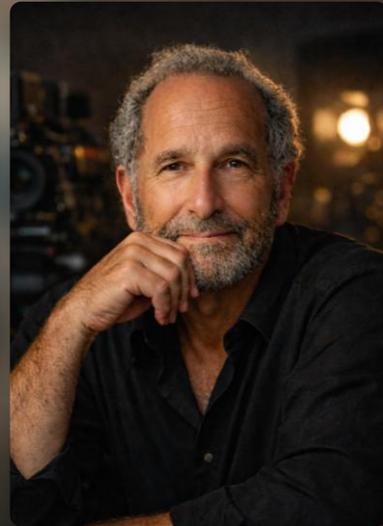


June



Mai

Real Characters



Daniel



Priya



Emerald

Dream Cast



Angle Locsin
As Mai



Laura Linney
As Mara



Eva Green
As Lady Godiva



Charlotte Gainsbourg
As Sabine



Sigourney Weaver
As Priya



Locations
Istanbul, Amsterdam,
Collioure, Bilbao, Hoi An,
Aurland, Kyoto, Aquinnah.

