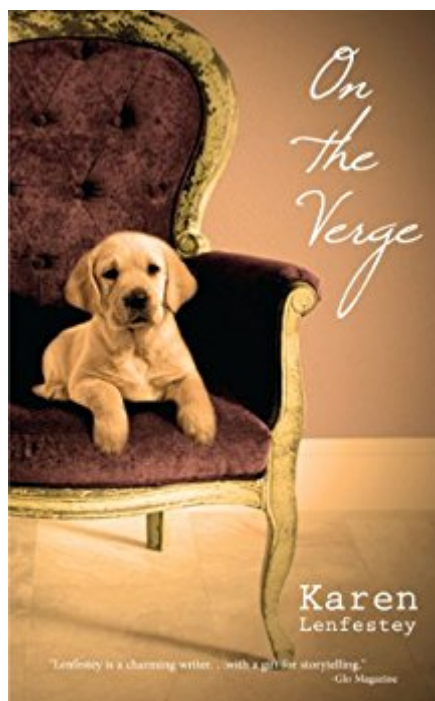


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Synopsis

Interior decorator Val Taylor loves three things: her fiancé, her seven-year-old-son and houses with character. Soon after she marries Nathan, a man who hopes to be as good a father as he is husband, he falls down a flight of stairs. As Nathan recovers physically, it becomes apparent that he is no longer the same man. On impulse, he brings home a puppy even though their landlord doesn't allow pets. Then he buys a 1920's fixer-upper they cannot afford. Together they try to repair their once grand home as they struggle to rebuild their relationship. When Val's husband changes into someone completely different, how long should she wait for her true love to return? What if he never does?

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Customer Reviews

If I could, I would give this book more than five stars. I read book 1 and book 2 and this was a wonderful series. I wish there was a book 4. Although I was satisfied with the ending I would love the story to go on and on. There are times you laugh and many times you shed tears. This entire series holds your interest. I can't find anything negative to say about this book. I respect the way the women in this book support each other and share problems.. It is also great to see how they can count on each other at a moments notice.

This is now one of my favorite authors. I have read all of her books and cannot wait till her next book "A Weekend Getaway" comes out. My attention was held through every page and could not put it down!

Karen Lenfestey explored the world of a young woman entering a second marriage with a man who wants to be in her life. He even accepts her son with his learning issues and is eager to help with school issues. He is the perfect fit for this family until the accident and the neurological changes that result. Should this wife, mother, employee, daughter-in-law, and new home owner struggle to keep her life on track? Or would it be better to derail all her plans and expectations because her life hasn't turned out the way she planned? She deals fairly with her characters giving us a great story with a satisfactory conclusion. I love her style as a writer and eagerly await her next book.

Karen Lenfestey's writing just keeps getting better and better. I really liked the first book in this series, liked the second book even better, but *ON THE VERGE* is the best yet. Valentine Taylor thinks she's picked the right man, the second time around. Unlike her first husband, Nathan wants to be a good husband and a good father. And the odds are he will be...until he falls and hits his head. Head injuries change personalities, and after the fall, Nathan's no longer the man Val pledged "I do" to. Unable to work, frustrated and unhappy, he goes back to his favorite bar and takes a spot on his favorite stool. Can Valentine still love Nathan? Can they make their marriage work? Two, flawed individuals struggle to find a new love, and I cared about them enough to want them to find a "happy ever after."

Loved the series, enjoyed the sisters- but that storyline falls into the shadow & a new one comes to light. A great story about how things happen for a reason & things really do work out in the end- I enjoyed the sister series as a whole- this book helped sew up the loose ends

If you enjoyed Karen's first two books, you simply must read her newest novel: *On the Verge*. This book is tightly written and fast paced. It really delves into the characters' thoughts and feelings. There are interesting subplots that will draw you further into the story and new characters that interact with old favorites in very believable ways. Take the time to read this one- you'll be pleased that you did.

Another great story from Karen Lenfestey! It is easy to identify with Val, a young woman in her thirties, engaged to a great guy, she has a seven year old son and a job she loves as an interior designer. She dreams of owning her own design studio someday and is sure that once married, living on Easy Street won't be far off. But plans are easier made than executed, and she finds herself wondering how things could go so wrong so fast. Wedded bliss is fleeting as her husband falls and suffers a head injury. Recovery is long and hard, and Val finds it a constant strain to maintain balance. New problems seem to pop up on a daily basis, and she frequently feels like a drowning woman. The challenges of recovering from a head injury and loving someone recovering from this life changing event are dealt with accurately and honestly. There is no magic wand to wave, one doesn't someday just go back to "normal". And the importance of support for all involved is brought home here as well. Val finds support and solace with her friend Joley as every day seems to bring new challenges. I was tickled to find Joley and Jake brought forward from Lenfestey's previous novels, with the interesting subplot of planning their wedding amid their own set of challenges. Again, redefining normal seems to be the theme, as Joley struggles with changes brought about by having Lupus. The book was terrific, and it would be interesting to follow these friends in upcoming stories.

I like the characters in *On the Verge*. Val is smart and fun but plagued with a bent for taking the easy way out, always finding a rationalization to justify the more pleasurable choice. Nathan's personality changes and adjustment difficulties caused by a head injury fit well with real life situations I've been close to. Val's six-year-old dyslexic son, Chip, complicates the difficulties Nathan and Val face after their new marriage is recolored by the pre-honeymoon brain injury. The fact that their troubled marriage is the second for both of them adds to their despair. Tension in the marriage builds as each mishap is eclipsed by the next. The pace kept me turning pages. The side stories of their checkbook-depleting manor house and of Val's friends Joley and Jake, transported from Lenfestey's previous novels, round out the story well. This novel is well written and easy to read. Choose it. You'll like it.

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