

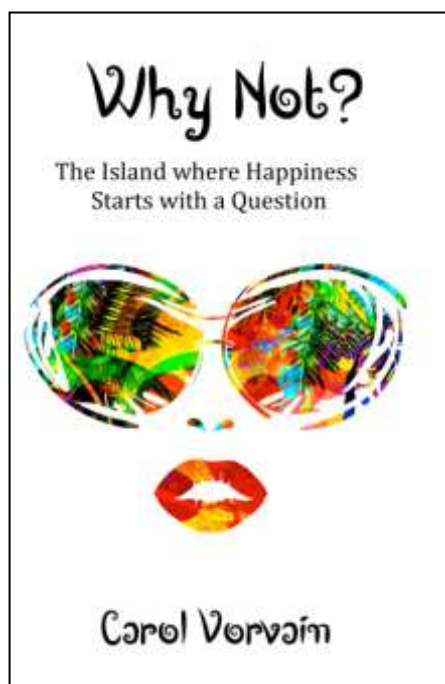
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WHY NOT?

The island where happiness starts with a question



Lessons in happiness on the tropical island of Moorea –
Tahiti's little sister

Vicky is on a quest for paradise. And she finds it on the tropical island of Moorea, the Island of Love and Pineapple.

As the Aremiti ferry pulls into port, she is spellbound by the massive jade-green lagoon and the jagged volcanic mountains rising straight up from the ocean.

But every place has its secrets. Could there be more to this postcard image?

She has all the time in the world to find out. And she does.

She eats fararu, a rotting fish dish, and meets Polynesia's "third sex." She learns about the history of black pearls and

the secrets of growing vanilla and discovers that when it comes to Tahitian women, bigger is better.

In no time, she falls "head-over-flip-flops" in love with the warmth and nobility of the "savages" inhabiting it, a handsome one in particular.

Adventure gives way to reflection and the novel is replete with rich insights into the Tahitian way of life, sexuality and exotic rituals, some truly bizarre, but equally fascinating.

Written with zest, humor, and great affection, Carol Vorvain's new book, "Why not? The island where happiness starts with a question" is a delightful read for those searching for a sun-kissed paradise or simply fantasizing about it.

Full of inspired moments, the book accomplishes a feat few travel books dare: entertains, informs and inspires.

Why Not? is available on Amazon.com and at <http://carolvorvain.com>.

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Editorial Reviews

Lessons On Life and Love in French Polynesia

Another excellent tale of adventure and love from Ms Vorvain. A new protagonist appears in this book, and she seems a bit older, wiser and world weary than Dora in *When Dreams Are Calling*. The book is set on Tahiti's sister island Moorea in French Polynesia. The island, its culture and people, and one particular man teach Vicki, a woman who has been too often jostled with the Western preoccupations with time, money, and possessions, to relax, enjoy life, and to love. As in her first book *When Dreams Are Calling*, I love Ms Vorvain's observations on simplicity, life, and love. Excellent second book.

-Henry Le Nav

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Book Facts

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Quotations

These are a few quotes from the book:

On Moorea:

- *The narrow coastal road has many twists and turns, each one revealing scenery of incredible beauty. On one side, the mountains rise proud and steep challenging the sky, on the other, the tropical lagoon sparkles like a zillion twinkling stars. I dream of being carried away on the round, soft shoulders of gorgeous mermaids into the deep blue ocean waters.*
- *This is the South Pacific as Gauguin, Monet, Mac Donald and many others must have seen it.*

On Love:

- *Love is like a pair of polarized sunglasses, making every color seem more vivid, richer, warmer. Without it we stare at the world dull-eyed and flinch at the thought it might remain the same forever.*

On Happiness:

- *Tahitians don't chase happiness. Happiness comes naturally to them. You only need to see them in the water, with a beer in their hand, splashing each other or waving to every stranger they see on the road, to know this. Happiness is in the air: in every hibiscus flower that opens early in the morning, in the sweet aroma of the pineapple plantations, in the smile of the people lolling around idly, resting slothfully in the warm breeze that ruffles the surface of the lagoon.*
- *Yes, I found happiness. And no, it didn't take years of struggles, hours of meditation or tons of self-help books and yoga lessons. It just happened. Here, it follows me wherever I go. During the day, it joins me, like a willing ally, through the usual cycle of grasping and craving, and, at night, it lets me fall asleep, my mind quiet, no rambling thoughts filling it.*

On Tahitians' way of life:

- *Every encounter with a Tahitian is a reason to wonder.*
- *For Tahitians there is nothing more desirable than love, being loved and making love. They are in love with the idea of love even more than they are with a real person. Love is free, passion unrestrained and wild, and all love stories, no matter how long they last, one day, a year or forever, are equally beautiful.*
- *That's what I like about Polynesians. They wear their hearts on their sleeve knowing that, for adults, there are better games to play than hiding their emotions from each other.*
- *Tahitians have no problem letting the time pass and doing nothing. Sometimes they might call it socializing. And they do socialize with each and every opportunity, all day long, sitting on the beach or in front of their houses. Everything is good, everything is God's will and everything is a gift from God. So, rest easy.*
- *Listen to your heart. The heart knows what your mind seeks.*

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About the Author

Carol Vorvain is an Australian fiction author who lives in Melbourne, a city famous for having all four seasons in a day.

However, she did not always know that writing books is what will bring her ultimate joy.

As a child, she wanted to be a fairy, playful and helpful, bearing wisdom. But, the position was already taken, like Carol says, by nobody else other than her mother. So, she moved on and became a lawyer and mediator. But in her heart, she kept hoping for a fairy assistant opening.

And, when her friends encouraged her to write books, she knew this was it: the perfect way that will marry her

passion for writing with her desire to bring happiness into others' lives.

When she's not writing, Carol can likely be found gardening, biking or cooking a new dish she never tried before: "It's a bit of a trial and error", she admits, "The good thing is I am still alive."

Visit Carol and join the conversation on her lively website: <http://carolvorvain.com>

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