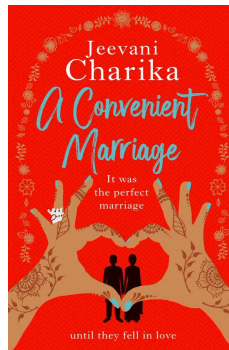


## ***A Convenient Marriage* by Jeevani Charika**



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### ***It was the perfect marriage... until they fell in love.***

Chaya is a young woman torn between her duty to family and her life in the UK. While her traditional Sri Lankan parents want her to settle down into marriage, what they don't know is that Chaya has turned away the one true love of her life, Noah, terrified of their disapproval.

Gimhana is hiding his sexuality from his family. It's easy enough to pretend he's straight when he lives half a world away in the UK. But it's getting harder and harder to turn down the potential brides his parents keep finding for him.

When Chaya and Gimhana meet, a marriage of convenience seems like the perfect solution to their problems. Together they have everything - friendship, stability and their parents' approval. But when both Chaya and Gimhana find themselves falling in love outside of their marriage, they're left with an impossible decision – risk everything they've built together, or finally follow their heart?

### **Some points of interest**

- Settings are: Oxford, London, Colombo
- Sri Lankans living in the UK in the 90s and early 2000s
- Anxiety/depression rep
- Family dynamics - sisters, mothers and daughters
- A marriage of convenience/ Lavender marriage
- LGBTQ+ relationship (gay romance)
- Two HEAs

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