

For Richer, for Poorer By Victoria Coren **Poker For Richer, for poorer** Coren takes us from the grimy underworld of illegal cash games to the high glamour of Monte Carlo and Las Vegas vividly capturing the incredible excitement of a poker match and getting to the heart of why poker has become the world's most popular card game. **For Richer, for Poorer publishing** Where are those who went before us? The wistful motif echoes through the Anglo-Saxon fragments that kicked off our English course... One of our first impulses was to feel nostalgic for times we had never seen. **For Richer, for Poorer kindle book** Coren's book is a clever funny irreverent wry and often moving exploration of her life (I suppose one might call it an autobiography but I don't think it's consistent enough in style for that moniker) but through the lens of poker. **Rich that poor that book pdf** The narrative structure of this book is chronological through her life - playing with her brother as a gawky teenager eventually going to a casino (where she was too scared to actually go to the card room and ended up developing a nasty roulette addiction) finding poker players to play home games with being chosen to go onto one of the first televised poker games and so on. **For richer or poorer book** Coren is amusing and can sketch a scene very well: "[On first walking in The Vic where she would become a regular player and eventually win the EPT] It doesn't look like my dream. **For richer or poorer free online** "She's also an acute observer of people which is pretty crucial when you're talking about poker because it's packed full of characters and stories of hands and tournaments and This One Time When Rambo Bet Twice Pot on The River and Doc was so Drunk He Didn't Realise But Actually He'd Filled His Boat. **For richer for poorer textbook** You feel as though you're in the card room with her: "Michael whom I addressed politely as 'Mr Arnold' for the first five years I knew him is such a staple of the card room that he has his own catchphrase. **Poker For Richer, for poorer definition** Other people do the same thing now attempting to mimic Michael's voice Scandinavian players female players even Steve with the tracheotomy all can shout 'One seat here!' in the style of Michael Arnold. **For richer for poorer textbook** Later when he gets into a little legal trouble over a chunk of missing money some wag posts on the internet: 'One jail cell here!'" The book isn't just comical sketches of moments and people though. **The richer the poorer summary** About her first trip to Vegas as a poker player she says: "This might be a city of whores guns drug addiction and sick gambling but it feels like we're six years old and playing hopscotch in the garden all summer. **Nonfiction For Richer, for poorer pdf free** So in addition to being a funny and poignant look at her life she also sketches the history of poker's most crucial period: "Chris MoneyMaker wins the main event [at the World Series of Poker a competition held yearly in Vegas]! That's another kind of miracle entirely. **For Richer, for Poorer nonfiction pdf** an accountant from Tennessee won his seat in an online satellite! He played a match on the PokerStars website for only forty bucks and snared a WSOP ticket without even having to leave the house. **For Richer, for Poorer kindle ebook** 5 million! Not only is he the first world champion to qualify on the internet he's the first who really feels like a 'world champion' because the entry requirements are suddenly so much less restrictive. **For richer or poorer book** " On the new breed of poker player after the revolution: "They are young Scandinavian blond healthy polite and good at maths... They wear tracksuits Nike trainers and PokerStars T-shirts. **For richer for poorer book** " "With few exceptions I love anyone who plays poker who spends their life in the card room who is hiding from something and chasing something who knows there may be a better life elsewhere but is a little too frightened to look for it who lets the invisible clock tick down as they play hand after hand after hand. **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** There are mournful Mock Turtles and evil winged monkeys there are White Witches and West Witches screaming pig-babies poisoned Turkish Delight and pools of tears big enough for a mouse to swim in. **For richer or poorer free online** Jump up and follow the White Rabbit push through the fur coats and the mothballs to reach for the woodwork against the tips of your fingers... and you are through free wandering in a universe of the imagination. **Poker For Richer, for poorer for less** So too is the suggestion that you can 'earn a living' or somehow 'beat the odds' (each being as far as I'm concerned the functional equivalent of an invitation to bang your head repeatedly against a brick wall). **The richer the poorer summary** But a 'love affair with poker'? Written by a British woman? Fifty shades wot? Come to think of it

though I was vaguely aware of Victoria Coren daughter of the late (and brilliant) Alan Coren. **For Richer, for Poorer poker book** She's quite pleasant really - with accent manners and a sense of humor that seem an agreeable distillation of those of all the lovely middle-class mums at my children's primary school. **For Richer, for Poorer kindle ebook** For instance she recounts an episode in Las Vegas where she's burned through her entire stash and is on the phone with her bank in London trying to arrange an extension to her overdraft. **Poker For Richer, for poorer free** She presents it as if that's the sort of thing that inevitably happens to the professional gambler and concludes with only slight irony that she will simply play her way out of the debt. **The richer the poorer short story pdf** Had I written that scene I would have dropped in a pretty heavy disclaimer: There are no circumstances whatsoever under which anyone even a supposed professional should gamble with borrowed money. **EPub For Richer, for poorer definition** That's a life style I just couldn't understand - the thought of risking hard earned money on a hand of playing cards horrifies me! But at my wife's insistence that it was more than a guide to poker I plunged into and enjoyed her autobiographical account of a poker players life. **For richer or poorer book** I like playing cards too--well not actually playing with the cards but the cards themselves (I may have taken on my drunken dad and uncles in a few games as a kid and cleaned house but I have since completely forgotten how to play any game requiring more skill than blackjack or computer-based games that tell you what the good tricks are or what cards you can play). **For Richer, for poorerjust** So at the very least I can relate to her as a young player of cards wanting to join in her brother's games--and hats off to her brother for actually being willing to teach her! But the great thing about this book is that while it is a poker book as well as a memoir it is not one or the other but truly both. **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** You can pick up some things about the game intuitively (and isn't that really the fun thing about playing cards?) because Coren does not like many other people who write autobiographies feel the need to patronize her readers and stop the narrative to explain what a big blind or being on the button is (though if you want to know there's a simple glossary of terms at the back) nor does she allow the possibility of someone not knowing what these things are to keep them from enjoying her book. **The richer the poorer pdf** and was surprised to find that when the chapter did come where she tells of her win at the European final I was actually excited and waiting to see what would happen--even though obviously I knew. **For Richer, for Poorer kindle unlimited** There was something about the way she wrote it that really communicated the thrill of the game to me and made me understand why so many people bankrupt themselves at cards--if it was that exciting for me I'm sure I would have probably stuck with it more than I did too. **For richer for poorer soap opera** Victoria Coren also known by her married name of Victoria Coren Mitchell is a journalist comedienne married to a comedian (David Mitchell) and a regular on panel shows ranging from topical satire such as Have I Got News For You various Radio 4 programmes:

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But it's not quite on the page (perhaps she'll write a sequel one day), **The richer the poorer pdf** In the life of the EPT (the tour just changed it name to the 'Pokerstars Championship') there were over 100 main event tournaments like the one Coren won in 2006: **For Richer, for Poorer kindle reader** The final table streamed live over the web and I watched every single hand: **For richer or poorer free online** Do you want a slice of pure joy? Just watch the video of her final hand: <https://www.> **For richer or poorer review** 9781847672926 Let's face it.

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In September 2006 Victoria Coren won the European Poker Championship and with it a cool one million dollars: **The richer the poorer short story pdf** But how did she do it? In *For Richer For Poorer* Victoria Coren's long-awaited poker memoir she answers this question: **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** It is an intensely honest story of twenty years of obsession of highs and lows wins and losses friendships power plays loneliness and addiction. **For Richer, for Poorer poker game** It is a razor-sharp accessible entertaining and intensely gripping story: **For richer not poorer book** *For Richer for Poorer* I didn't understand any of the poker stuff but it didn't matter: **The richer the poorer summary** What a fascinating glimpse into this side of Victoria's life: **For richer for poorer soap opera** 9781847672926 In real life in addition to *The Laws and The Romance* and *The Fanfic and Veep* [my current show of choice] I am *All About Poker*: **For richer not poorer book** I have recently moved to a country with no casinos and certainly no card rooms: **For richer for poorer book** Back in Blighty I played live poker several times a week at the same casino: **For richer or poorer review** The rhythmic shuffle of the deck the symphony of riffing chips, **Nonfiction For Richer, for poorer book** Victoria Coren says of nostalgia: "... nostalgia is a primal emotion like fear and anger and (maybe) love. **Rich and poor dad book pdf** It just seems otherwise because it has a long name and is tricky to define out loud: **Kindle For Richer, for poorer free download** So you might mistake it for one of those fiddly sophisticated feelings like *schadenfreude* or low self-esteem, **The richer the poorer short story pdf** But nostalgia is simply basic instinctive and it was always there: **For richer or poorer review** You can see it on the face of a zoo monkey that once lived in the wild: **EPub For Richer, for poorer definition** *Ubi sunt qui ante nos fuerunt?* That's what I learned at university in exchange for a stand-up comedy career: **Kindle For Richer, for poorer definition** And you can feel nostalgic for something even while it is happening, **The richer the poorer pdf** "I rather feel in respect of poker nostalgia is all I have left. **For Richer, for Poorer nonfiction writing** I'll have the odd trip to Florida or New Jersey and back home back to the Gala, **For richer or poorer book** I played a couple of weeks ago rusty and jetlagged surrounded by a particular brand of American missing my loveable rogues from Birmingham a lump in my throat. **EBook For Richer, for poorer definition** So in a fit of self-pity I've decided to cater to my nostalgia to let it roll over me and to reread again and review the best poker book I've ever read: **EPub For Richer, for poorer countries** The book that best captures the poker experience as I have lived it: **For richer for poorer textbook** That said I'm aware that most of my GR's friends/followers probably (??) don't have too much of an interest in poker. **For richer and for poorer** So I'll say upfront: this is a book about poker but it is not a poker book: **For richer or poorer review** Would a poker book muse on nostalgia? I've read enough of them and I'll tell you: no no it would not, **Nonfiction For Richer, for poorer** You don't need to understand poker to read and enjoy this book although it would help - more on that later, **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** She was the first female winner on the EPT (about 5% of poker tournament entrants are women): **For richer for poorer soap opera** But interspersed the story are little vignettes detailing the crucial poker hands during her journey at EPT London, **For richer not poorer book** The air is a soupy smog of B&H cigarette smoke Middle Eastern aftershave and non-specific Man Smell: **Nonfiction For Richer, for poorer pdf** He's so glowering so grumpy that I laugh just thinking

about him, **Poker For Richer, for poorer** I suspect that a woman at the poker table plays havoc with Stavros's brain. **EBook For Richer, for poorer free** He wants my money like that of any other player and he certainly bullies me with his bets: **For richer or poorer free online** Which in Stavros terms means that he doesn't swear at me or throw his cards at the dealer if I beat him in a hand, **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** We all call him Van Damme apparently this is because he used to sport a mullet like Van Damme in the early 90s. **Rich and poor dad book pdf** He's got a perfectly normal haircut now but once these things catch on they stick, **For richer for poorer soap opera** He's horrid to everyone but me (and the two other lady regulars) and he gets me a cup of tea when he goes to the bar. **For Richer, for poorerjust** Coren perfectly captures the personalities of all these individuals. **Kindle For Richer, for poorer** Whenever a player gets up for the night a croupier is supposed to allocate the seat to a new incumbent. **For richer or poorer free online** Michael never waits for staff to notice the space; he booms 'One seat here!' across the room, **For richer or poorer book** Pure pleasure pure contentment always curls around a small sad centre because you know there is nothing permanent: **For richer for poorer soap opera** Even as you look at a river it flows on to something else: **For richer for poorer book** A shadow of cloud on the stream changes minute by minute. **For richer or poorer review** Even as you hold the water in your cupped palm it trickles out, **The richer the poorer short story pdf** " From this description of Vegas she moves onto a memory of Portobello Market with her father: **For Richer, for Poorer kindle ebook** Choosing an item to start a collection her Father saying it'll be something to remember him by, **For richer for poorer book** Punchy sentences few adjectives rather like you're there in the stark waiting room alongside her reduced to what you know and what you don't, **The richer the poorer short story pdf** The rest of the book is weaved with the bittersweet thread of the knowledge that though he recovers from this episode her Father cannot have long left: **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** Coren never says it but there is a sense that she believes he lived so he could see her win the EPT, **EBook For Richer, for poorer** He could see her do something wonderful with her gambling an aspect of her life which always perplexed him, **Kindle For Richer, for poorer countries** And when his death comes I shed a little tear: "Autumn frosts have slain July but it is a bright sunny October afternoon, **For richer or poorer review** "As it happens Coren came into the poker world and slowly became a professional player during the time that poker took off. **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** It is no exaggeration to say that the first decade of the 21st saw a poker boom, **For Richer, for poorerjust** Televised poker online poker huge tournaments all around the world. **For richer or poorer free online** Players broadcast their online play on the internet site Twitch and people are watching hours and hours of the stuff: **For Richer, for poorerjust** Chris MoneyMaker! Isn't that the guy who won his seat on the internet?. **The richer the poorer pdf** And then he came out here with the ticket and he's just won the main even spinning that \$40 in \$2, **For Richer, for Poorer poker table** And his name his real name is MoneyMaker? I swear to God this year someone is writing fairy tales. **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** "And her gift for irony gets a proper opportunity to come to the fore: "It won't catch on [online poker] Jonas explains: **For richer or poorer free online** Banter cash moving back and forth handling chips and cards the narrowed stares and the reading of body language... It can't work as a computer game. **For richer not poorer book** Besides very few people would ever be prepared to type their credit card details into the internet: **For richer or poorer review** What are they straight off the onion boat? Poker players deal in cash and suspicion, **For richer for poorer soap opera** "The poker vignettes detailing the hands from the EPT work for me because I know poker and perhaps more crucially I know poker terminology: **For richer for poorer book** She talks about a 'wheel draw' 'gutshot' 'nuts' 'tray' 'flop', **For Richer, for Poorer kindle reader** There's a glossary at the back but it's always annoying having to check those things and it breaks up the flow: **For richer for poorer book** It's a shame because I suspect it's lost this book some readers when in fact this really isn't a book for poker players (or not exclusively anyway). **For richer for poorer soap opera** The thing to take from it is this: Coren played very well: **For Richer, for Poorer epubor** This isn't a romance but it reads like one the HEA guaranteed between Coren and her heroes: the deck the

chips and the game: **For richer not poorer book** They will bluff me beat men occasionally even fear me just like any other player yet I am 'a lady' so they mind their language, **For richer for poorer textbook** Down the rabbit hole through the looking glass under the sea over the rainbow behind the wardrobe door there is a place where time stops: **For richer or poorer free online** A place of Mad Hatters and March Hares Cheshire Cats and caterpillars on mushrooms tiny keys and treacle walls. **For Richer, for poorerjust** Like every good fairy tale there is dark magic as well as light, **The richer the poorer pdf** But whenever you slip back into the other world no time has passed and nothing has changed. **For richer for poorer book** " "The game is all about money and nothing to do with money, **For Richer, for Poorer nonfiction writing** In a bubble with the stars on a Tuesday with the boys I just want to keep playing keep playing keep playing. **For Richer, for Poorer poker** " I have to give this five stars because it's very personally relevant to me, **The richer the poorer pdf** Others may not have quite the same reaction but this is a great book and worth reading: **For richer for poorer soap opera** And it has a HEA there are a lot of rubbish poker books out there. **For richer for poorer soap opera** I've wasted hard-won cash on some real stinkers and have come to view certain types of titles with a degree of caution. **For richer not poorer book** The promise of 'secrets' or a 'system' is a red flag (although 'super-system' is okay provided it's written by Doyle Brunson): **For Richer, for Poorer epublising** It seems that she's actually won a lot of money playing poker: **For richer or poorer free online** (And what could be more agreeable than that?)She's written an excellent poker book too on several counts:For one thing there's the writing itself. **For Richer, for poorerjust** Her deft touch and subtlety animate even the prosaic: "Ah Luton" she writes: **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** Four stars for this and possibly even a lingering glance in the direction of five: **For richer for poorer book** Ordinarily poker players' written accounts of hands they've played are so dry and stilted that only the most ardent fan can be bothered to try to make head or tail of them: **For richer for poorer textbook** You almost feel as if you're sitting there with her trying to read Emad Tahtouh or agonizing over how to play the awkward pair of jacks (the Botox hand I like that). **Kindle For Richer, for poorer** This is a hand that I would automatically fold (or 'pass' as she would say): **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** Maybe I should be giving it a second look - low-key recreational player that I am I'll happily fool around with this kind of thing, **The richer the poorer short story pdf** Her sketches of people she meets and the characters at her poker club are solid and fun to read as are the parts about her father. **For richer for poorer book** At times they verge on the high-strung and over-wrought while at other times she papers things over with breezy platitudes. **The richer the poorer short story pdf** Genuine candor or a poker pro's stage-managed 'secrets'? I don't know. **For richer not poorer book** There is some repetition in the book which suggests that bits of the material may have been recycled and re-purposed: **The richer the poorer summary** If that's true it didn't particularly matter to me since I'd seen none of it before: **For richer not poorer book** One niggling very minor irritant is VC's frequent mention of people borrowing money for gambling. **EPub For Richer, for poorer synonym** It's the moral equivalent of getting involved with methamphetamine, **The richer the poorer short story pdf** Now run along kids and remember that roulette and blackjack are for mugs, **The richer the poorer short story pdf** Didn't know I could love Victoria Coren more than I already did but it happened, **For richer for poorer soap opera** 9781847672926 While clearing bookshelves I came across this book I'd read some years ago. **Poker For Richer, for poorer game** It made enough of an impression on me at the time that I thought I'd highlight it here on my GR reading list: **EBook For Richer, for poorer** As background the author is a popular light hearted TV presenter on British TV. **For richer or poorer book** It came as a surprise to find she also had a rather successful career as a professional poker player. **For richer for poorer book** From her beginnings in small clubs where the social side seems as important as the game through to big international tournaments. **Nonfiction For Richer, for poorer richer** You have to admire her determination to take part in and succeed in what is a predominately male world: **Nonfiction For Richer, for poorer meaning** She clearly enjoys the lifestyle fills you in on some strange people she's met and introduces you to a world where most of us wisely will not tread, **For Richer, for**

Poorer pokerstars Worth a read if you fancy learning about what it is to gamble for serious money and also her survival in a smokey boozy sexist and for me a soulless world: **For Richer, for Poorer epub.pub** She didn't convert me but winning regularly must help though! It's well written witty and I enjoyed it: **For richer for poorer book** 9781847672926 Victoria Elizabeth Coren is an English writer presenter and professional poker player: **For Richer, for Poorer nonfiction** Coren writes weekly columns for The Observer and The Guardian newspapers and hosts the BBC Four television quiz show Only Connect, **The richer the poorer pdf** Tore through this book very compelling read 9781847672926 I've always liked Victoria Coren I find her classy witty and funny and her book is no exception: **For richer not poorer book** I liked hearing about her friends and competitors about her travels and about her thoughts: **For richer for poorer textbook** 9781847672926 Memoirs especially by repeat-offender celebs such as Jamie Oliver Russell Brand and so on are not really of great interest to me: **For Richer, for Poorer poker room** I think Victoria is the sort of bratty younger sister I would have loved to have in my life: **For Richer, for Poorer nonfiction articles** I was the youngest of four children I guess I was the brat. **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** Anyway this book is about Victoria's love for poker and her journey to the big time on the circuit piqued my interest. **For richer for poorer soap opera** This coupled with the fact I like her humour anyway made this an easy fun yet informative read for me. **Kindle For Richer, for poorer meaning** I started playing poker again! In the mid-1990s I played my first game of poker at the Midland Wheel casino in Birmingham, **The richer the poorer summary** My then girlfriend told me to 'watch out for the men on the table, **Nonfiction For Richer, for poorer pdf free** I had a rudimentary understanding of the game but I can also judge people's body behaviour, **For Richer, for Poorer pokerstars** Not all the time but when it comes to poker yes absolutely. **For Richer, for Poorer nonfiction** I didn't lose that night and its fair to say that there were a lot of frowns around the table. **For Richer, for poorerjust** In this book however Victoria is competing in very much a man's world, **For richer or poorer book** What I like about her style is that she doesn't play the feminist card she doesn't see her femininity as a weakness - rather it's a strength. **The richer the poorer summary** The way she introduces the other players is smart as well, **EPub For Richer, for poorer pdf** She is competing with them but she respects them too - and she also gains their respect as a result, **Kindle For Richer, for poorer books** Over time she grows from seedy London backstreet gaming to the big European tour: **EBook For Richer, for poorer free download** This book catalogues her journey and it is a joy to behold. No one ever won one twice. Except Coren. She won EPT San Remo in 2014. She beat all the internet kids and the crazy Scandis. It was [amazing.youtube.com/watch?v=u6F8Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6F8Y). Magic. A proper HEA. Overnight she became one of the world's most famous players. From the Hardcover edition. She is an amazing writer. Actually she's an amazing everything. The same dealers and valets and players. The same faces and the same personalities. All the same jokes. The same stories. I miss it. I miss everything about it. Or even one that never did. It still knows that it has lost something. But inevitably it'll all be different. In choosing to break with it I'll have changed it. In 2006 Coren won the European Poker Tour ('EPT') London. She took home half a million pounds. The autobiographical elements are fantastic. It doesn't look like the Desert Inn. It has garish carpet and cheap fruit machines. Everybody looks miserable. This is not a holiday casino at all. "I'm fond of Stavros. And he's always terribly polite to me. But he treats me very gently and carefully. In fact he calls me darling. In a grumpy sort of way." I know a Stavros. Mine isn't called Stavros. It's even written on his casino membership card. It's more than that. The personal elements are beautiful. There is something almost unbearably happy about all of it. It's poignant and sad and beautiful. When her father becomes ill Coren's fear is palpable. So is her relief when he doesn't die. The writing of this episode is straightforward but powerful. There is no poetry in those moments. The funeral was two days ago. Poker is everywhere now. Coren saw it all happen. Observed it all. Truly anyone can get here. It gives me a strange tight feeling in my kidneys. Poker is all about face-to-face interaction. They carry iPods sunglasses and bottled water. Their nicknames are 'Grr197(Malmo)' or 'xj21179'. The internet army is here. Coren does not try to explain the technical language. I think these vignettes can be skimmed. Trust me. I want to finish

with this. "God I'm glad to be back. I love this place. They want to bankrupt me destroy me but not offend me. There is nowhere else like it in the world." "It is about a magical world. But it is all a children's story. Maybe you will be crowned queen in that land. It is about not wanting to die. All you need is a bankroll. You can always find a game to fit. And whoever you are you will always fit in. It it makes me happy and sad and of course nostalgic. Poker players prone to hyperbole? Perish the thought. She turns up on television now and then. The art. VC's got the nuts here. Her wit originality and turn of phrase sparkle. She's erudite - learned even - but not pretentious. "Spiritual home of the hat trade." She makes it look easy. Hands-down five stars for art. Then there's the poker stuff. VC's however are compelling and fun. I also like her sentimental attachment to the 74 unsuited. As a memoir I put the book at three stars. I'm less certain though about some of her internal musings. Other readers will make up their own minds. It is not cute. It is not clever or cool. To use the lawyer's term of art it is fucking moronic. You gamble only with money you can afford to lose. Got it? Good. Poker is the game. Overall a well-written and thoroughly entertaining book. Highly recommended. 9781847672926 I adored everything about this book. I even think I have seen her on Question Time. Also it is inspirational. They don't like to lose. 'What did I care about that? I was there to win. She doesn't want to do anything crazy. She knows her limits and she bets smart. 9781847672926 It is not about the money. It is about not wanting to die. 9781847672926 AHHHHHHH 9781847672926.