



## victoria arbiter brown

**I**magine if the wedding of Victoria Arbiter to Ryan Brown last December unfolded like an episode of *Guiding Light*. (The couple first met as actors on that TV soap opera.) A mystery guest would undoubtedly expose a deep, dark secret at the reception, both bride and groom would have had nearly a dozen past marriages under their belts, and the officiant would have had a clone, wanted for bank robbery, who'd somehow use the wedding to distract the authorities. Of course, none of this was true about the Christmas-in-New-York nuptials of Victoria and Ryan. Christmas trees and holly wreaths decked the church where they married. Bridesmaids wore crimson gowns by Nicole Miller. Ryan and the groomsmen dressed in proper English morning suits. British-born Victoria, in a warm-white strapless Candace Solomon gown, made sure the day fit the fairy-tale image she'd always pictured when she walked down the aisle. The only detail that barely resembled a soap script? During their honeymoon in French Polynesia, Ryan swam with sharks. Safely. \*

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