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***Americashire: A Field Guide to a Marriage***

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—**Laura S. Scott**, author of Two is Enough: A Couple’s Guide to Living Childless by Choice, and Director of the Childless by Choice Project

**About the Author**

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**Jennifer Richardson** is an American Anglophile who spent three years living in a Cotswold village populated straight out of English central casting by fumbling aristocrats, gentlemen farmers, and a village idiot. She is married to an Englishman who, although not the village idiot, provides her with ample writing material. She currently lives in Santa Monica, California along with her husband and her royal wedding tea towel collection.

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