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One life, one love

Sempre e per sempre

“I’m falling in love with Seb and Caro all over again.” E Craig

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Ten years ago US Marine Sebastian Hunter was a teenager in love with a married woman—a woman who broke his heart.

Kicking his heels in a desk job in Geneva, he’s given the chance to get back to the action. Life just might be worth living again … until he meets the woman who broke him 10 years earlier.

Now she’s back, but he’ll do anything to keep her at arm’s length. Temptation doesn’t come much stronger, but he’d be a fool to fall for her again…

Caroline Venzi is a successful journalist, preparing to head out to report from the front lines of the war in Afghanistan. Love is the last thing on her mind when she crosses paths with Marine Sebastian Hunter.

Will this chance encounter reignite the erotic passion of their past?

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This story is a re-telling of the best-selling contemporary romance 'The Education of Caroline', now told from US Marine Sebastian Hunter's point of view.

Profits of this book support the military charities Felix Fund (UK) and EOD Warrior Foundation (USA)

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## **Semper Fi Details**

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### Carol\*\*\*BeautyandtheBeastlyBooks says

\*\*\*ARC received in exchange of an honest review\*\*\*

Review also posted at: <https://beautyandthebeastlybooks.wordpress.com>...

First of all, you should know Semper-Fi is The Education of Caroline (TEOC) in Sebastian's POV (with additional scenes). Even though TEOC is the second book it can be read as a standalone. I only read the first book, The Education of Sebastian (TEOS) YEARS after I've read TEOC. I regret that, because I couldn't believe I waited so long, but I thought the age difference between Caroline and Sebastian, when he was a teen, would bother me. IT DIDN'T.

The Education of Sebastian and The Education of Caroline are two of my favorite books of all time. This love story is beyond epic, it touches us deep in our souls! And reading it through Sebastian's POV is such a privilege! It honestly felt like coming home, after a long period of absence.

Sebastian Hunter is EVERYTHING!!! One of the best book boyfriends out there, since he was a teenager to when he transformed into a HOT man. I love his transformation. He has this edge about him, but deep down he is still the same romantic, Sebastian. Chief Hunter comes to play and we swoon and fan ourselves for SURE, but Sebastian? Sebastian is sweet and amazing as well!!!

Even though I have read the story before, Semper-Fi brought a whole new perspective to it for me! I related to Caroline in both the previous books and specially The Education of Caroline (I know some people couldn't relate to her), but I have to admit I was surprised at how much I related to Sebastian!!!

Through his mind I could really see how much Caro made him suffer. I knew it, but to experience it with Sebastian was a very intense and angsty thing. Even through everything that happened to him through the years, Sebastian still doesn't think he is worthy of Caro. Semper Fi deals with Sebastian's frustrations in a

much deeper way than The Education of Caroline did and I loved it. We could really feel what was happening in his mind. Both his frustration when he reencounters Caroline and later in the story...I have to say I didn't like Caroline very much for the first half of the book and that is one of my favorite things in Semper- Fi! It really solidifies Jane's talent and abilities to change the perspective in her own story!

Another thing I like about Jane's books is that I don't particularly care for male POVs, I usually prefer not to read them, but in this case I really, really got into Sebastian's mind.

As I said, reading Semper-Fi was like coming home. To this amazing love story and to my HAWT Chief Hunter as well! The man is ALWAYS "loaded"! I (I mean, Caroline) am a lucky woman! hehehe

Story-wise it's the same as The Education of Caroline, with the additional angsty, sometimes funny, and desperate pointers from Seb's mind. BUT, it also have bonus chapters into their future and those I will leave for you to discover. <3

Jane is such a generous writer, giving us this gift that is knowing more of our Seb! Plus, ALL the profits of Semper-Fi's sells go to two military organizations Jane supports: Felix Fund and EOD Warrior Foundation which is something BEAUTIFUL of hers to do!

I have read 98% of Jane's Books and most of them are favorites of mine, they are amazing! Always such different stories, but at the same time with her characteristic way of weaving magic from her words! It's hard to describe what books like TEOS, TEOC and Semper-Fi make you feel. They are so meaningful, so beautiful to read and just so MUCH! It's more than most books and yet it doesn't need any additional drama or anything remotely "over". Semper Fi was truly beautiful to read. A feeling very few books bring to me.

Let me try describing what is to read an epic love story by Jane Harvey-Berrick: first of all you can believe how beautiful her words are. Then, you are immediately transported to the world Jane creates, a world that has nothing of unreal, a world that could be there where you live. Then you will forget you are reading a book and will be reminded because her words are transcendent, they can both make you forget you are

reading them, but then they remind you what a special thing it is to read them. And after you finish you will want to cry. Not because the stories are sad (some might be or might have some sad and angsty moments), but because you just feel SO MUCH, you don't even know how to deal with all the emotions playig with you. They are the perfect combination of love and bittersweetness. They can make the hairs on your arms stood out, they can make you question any and everything and they can, above any (and every) thing, make you FEEL.

Once in a while you find a story that truly speaks to your heart. It may have nothing to do with your real life or what you have been through in your life, but even so you hear the calling of the story, of the characters. The Education of Sebastian and Caroline, and now Semper-Fi, are these kind of stories to me. They are filled with realness even though their reality is so different from my own. The love story between Sebastian Hunter and Caroline Venzi is beyond amazing. It's beyond this world! It's undoubtly one of those love stories that stay marked in our hearts and minds. You will not forget these two and their story!

I love the way Jane describes things and the story itself. Her way with words is so beautiful, she can make poetry from the simplest of things. And the way she makes us relate to her characters and their stories? Uncanny and wonderful! She is a true storyteller!!! A words magician!

Thank you for this book Jane. You're amazing! This story is one of my all time favorites, *sempre* and *per sempre*!!!!

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### **Bj says**

4 "The Other Side of a Second Chance at Love" Stars.

For those of you who read The Education of Caroline, Semper Fi is the hero, US Marine Sebastian Hunter's side of the story. Lovers of forbidden love and second chances will enjoy this romantic tale. Having fallen in love with Jane Harvey-Berrick's Traveling Man Series, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to read more of her writing. While arguably, Semper Fi does have a very different feel, particularly given that it is told from a marine's perspective--and his past experiences as a marine, not too mention his prior forbidden encounters with the heroine as teenager, necessarily color the way he has lived, and how he views life--this story nonetheless shares with the Traveling Man Series that angsty feeling between two lovers who are constantly trying to fight the polar opposite forces that coming from two different walks of life necessarily exposes them to.

Ten years ago Sebastian fell in love with a married woman, Caroline, 13 years his senior. Their undeniable attraction came to an abrupt halt once their secret was exposed, but Caroline has continued to be a preeminent presence in Sebastian's heart and thoughts throughout the past decade. A decade that he has spent as a marine and engaging in wild debauchery in an angry attempt to get over Caroline.

Now a marine stationed at a desk job in Geneva (as a punishment of sorts for his wild behavior), he comes

across none other than Caroline, who is working as a reporter and is ready to travel to Afghanistan. Caroline is now long divorced, but married to her job as a military correspondent. As Caroline waits for her clearance to travel, Sebastian finds it his perfect opportunity to see what might have been. But can you ever truly get a second chance at true love?

At first I was worried that I might be a bit lost without reading the first two books. No doubt I imagine that reading the first two books would have been helpful to help frame the tragic circumstances that led to their initial separation, but I had no trouble following the story line without this prior experience.

All in all, if you are looking for an emotional journey of the hard road to second love glory, then *Semper Fi* may be a good choice for your next read.

Source: Review copy provided in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Talltree says**

Some books are too close to your heart to review. But I'll always remember these lines that make me cry whenever I think of them:

“The answer? Because I know I’m loved. My skin will wrinkle and my hair will go gray, my body will bend with age—and I will be loved. In this life and in the next. I will be loved. Whatever the world throws at us, wherever the next adventure leads, I will be loved.

Sempre e per sempre.”

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### **Elle the ClosetRomanceReader aka Leftie aka Shoebelle says**

*\*ARC received from author\**

Well then...

Lemme just put a few things out there before I go any further. First, I haven’t read the first 2 books in The Education series. Second, while this is the third book in the series, like Jane advised me in the beginning, this is a standalone. This is Sebastian and Caro’s story, or I believe, the 2nd book to be more specific, told from Sebastian’s POV. I completely concur. Duh, since Jane wrote this, of course she’s right! Third, I usually enjoy reading this trope, guess this is Dec-May? And fourth, call me pervy but that kiddo in the cover is yummy. If he’s Sebastian, so be it!\*g\*

On to the story... 10 years have gone by since the Sebastian and Caro have started their thing. Sebastian is now in the Marines, Caro is now a journalist. It’s about reuniting, getting their second chance, resolve any lingering issues from the past and moving forward. I knew the biggest thing about this story is the age difference b/w Sebastian and Caroline. He’s 13 years younger to be exact. I’m aware they have a long history that started from when Sebastian was young. And as they’re trying to look towards the future, things happen that can make or break their relationship.

Seeing this all from Sebastian's POV, I'm a lil ambivalent about these 2. Sebastian, being 27 that he is, didn't feel like he acts or thinks like his age at times. Or have I just forgotten how 27-year olds act and think? Or am I reading this all from the context of a 40-something-year old mind? Especially seeing that Caro is also 40? On the other hand, I've read enough NA H's in the same age bracket and Sebastian sounded younger... hmm... And Caro, for the 40-year old woman that she is, sometimes acted and talked like she's in her 20's. At least that's what it felt like to me.

Sebastian almost always had his d!ck in his mind, and Caro's doubts were not easy to relate to, to a degree. I suppose it's an aftermath of having the kind of relationship they had at the time they did. Whether anyone liked it or not, there are life-changing events that shape a person and whether that messes one up or not, consequences out of that must be faced.

Here's the thing. Because I know there were 2 books before this, told from Caro's POV I'm guessing, I was wondering the whole time I was reading this whether I would be more enamored with this couple seeing it from Caro's eyes or not. Did Caro understand the depth of Sebastian's feelings or the impact that she had on him at such a young age? After all, for all my grumble about what kinda didn't work for me here, Sebastian did kinda hook me in. For all the emotional instability he exhibited, one thing he didn't waver about is his feelings for Caro, if that makes sense at all... And, I totally appreciate the details of what it means to be out in the field for the people who serve their country. It's not an easy life, to say the least, and dangerous, at worst.

Plus: A personal bonus for me here, if I may add, is Sebastian having a copy of *The Alchemist*, an all-time fave, and, call me nutters, his birthday/wedding date is the same as mine (wedding, that is). That made me smile, for sure!

I don't think this will be a fave Jane read for me, but it still made me curious enough to want to read the first 2 books... I think... And hey, for what it's worth, this is supporting a very good cause. Good on Jane for doing that!

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### **1-Click Addict Support Group says**

I'm not usually drawn to alternate point of view stories. However, I loved *The Education of Caroline* (the original telling of this story) so much, and found it so richly layered that I wanted to see the layers from the other side. Sebastian has such a wildly emotional, intense journey I knew that I needed to read his story and experience the book through his eyes. I wasn't disappointed.

If you haven't read *The Education of Sebastian* and *The Education of Caroline* first, you should. You'll for sure want to read *The Education of Sebastian* before starting *Semper Fi* as it provides important backstory, and an understanding of the history and intensity of Sebastian and Caro's feelings.

*Semper Fi* follows the same timeline as *The Education of Caroline*. Thus, after a torrid and intense love affair ended with a devastating blow, Sebastian and Caroline have spent ten years apart before being unexpectedly reunited. A lifetime has passed since they last saw each other, and the time apart changed each of them in such profound ways that they are now essentially strangers. That is, strangers who still feel a connection to each other, a deep pull toward one another. Even after all the years and miles and emotional devastation that separated them, once they are reunited, there is no turning back.

This is the story of Sebastian and Caro's journey back to each other, and of their fierce love that never lets go. No time, no distance, no career assignments or any other curveball that life throws at them (and there are many) can keep them apart. Their reunion is slow, and agonizing—but also intense, beautiful, scorching, and heartbreaking, and so incredibly emotional, I don't even know what to do with these feels.

The most emotionally charged pieces of this book revolve around Sebastian's experiences as a Marine. Jane Harvey-Berrick put us right inside his head and we experienced everything with him—the good, the bad, the lusty, the breathlessly romantic, and the ugly. It felt authentic and left me feeling a little bruised and weary—and I loved every moment of it. It's fitting, then, that profits of this book support the military charities, Felix Fund (UK) and EOD Warrior Foundation (USA). It's the most beautiful, touching, and appropriate epilogue that Ms. Harvey-Berrick could ever have given this book. ~ Shelly, 4 stars

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### **KAS says**

I could not get enough of Sebastian in "The Education of Sebastian" & "The Education of Caroline" duo.

This is the companion book which is Sebastian's POV. While it is pretty much a re-read of book two of the duo, it was so much fun hearing his side of things!

FYI, all three books are available for free to Kindle Unlimited subscribers ;)

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### **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

#### **4,5 stars**

I can't help myself.....

The Education of Sebastian

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

and The Education of Caroline <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

by Jane Harvey Berrick are two of my favorite books and I was so happy that I would get more about the couple I fell in love with. And let me just say.....I fell in love with them all over again!

Sempre Fi is the retelling of The Education of Caroline through Sebastian Hunter's POV. I didn't know what to expect...what more could I get about these two? But seeing their love story through his eyes was so amazing.

Such a beautiful and touching story that leaves you feeling that no matter what stands in the way of two people who truly love each other.....nothing is more true that..

I loved reading their touching and beautiful love story all over again and seeing it from Sebastian's eyes. How he has over all those years never forgotten or stopped loving Caroline. It's always been her.

How after being apart all those years.....heartbreaking!!!! And being given a second chance.....

It was incredible reading how vulnerable and lost Sebastian was as a 17 year old.....losing Caroline, dealing with his cruel father and disconnected mother....living day by day...struggling in finding his way through life.....when all he had ever wanted was to love and be loved by Caroline....

His vulnerability.....the feelings that he may not the right person for Caroline.....and how much Caroline loved him....had never forgotten or stopped loving him.....

I loved going on their trip to Italy.....seeing their time together again.....rediscovering their love all over again.....the fear that something will stand against them again.....

Afraid to lose each other again.....facing the danger in war torn countries....never wanting to be apart...

The sadness and sorrow they both face after Sebastian is injured and how they both deal with the fall-out. The patience, love and care that Caroline showed him during the most difficult times in their lives....and coming through it together.

I loved these two characters and there were some secondary characters that were so unforgettable. One of those being Signora Carello, the owner of the b/b that Sebastian and Caroline stayed in the Amalfi Coast, whilst looking for Caroline's father's family in the village nearby. Her words said it all.....

The author's beautiful and evocative writing captures the everlasting power of love....there were so many words that touched me...and here's one of those...

You know the saying....TRUE SOULMATES??? I believe that so deeply, because I had my own soul mate and understand the depth of true love never dying.

If you haven't read these books....please, I beg you to do. They will leave you with a feeling of hope and inspiration.

These are 3 books I will be reading again and again!!!

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**Alba and Her Secrets..♥ says**

**4.5 'Per Sempre' Stars!**

I recently discovered *Semper Fi* around Goodreads. I didn't even know Jane wrote this book but I was so happy to find it! I loved Sebastian and Caroline's love story and it was great to read some of it in Sebastian's POV. I really enjoyed his side of the story and the bonus scenes at the end are EVERYTHING! <3

Highly recommend this, especially if you loved *The Education of Sebastian* and *The Education of Caroline*!

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## Kara says

Hey, did you know the best way for an author to show that a man-whore hero loves the heroine is to make sure he reminisces about every woman he's ever fucked on every fifth page? No, really - Sebastian looooves Caroline, and he proves it by remembering every other woman he's ever fucked, constantly, while romancing, screwing, and proposing to Caroline. As a reader who was supposed to be invested in this love story, I really enjoyed learning the details of every woman he'd been with who wasn't the heroine. Because why would I, as a romance reader, be interested in a hero who only thinks about how great sex is with the heroine? I definitely want to know that the hero has had awesome sex with hundreds of women and is moronically jealous of the few unsatisfactory lovers the heroine had in all their years apart. Because God forbid a woman enjoy getting off just for the sake of it.

In short, if my juvenile sarcasm missed the mark, fuck this book. Sebastian is still a child.

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## Ellen ♦ Book Bellas ♦ says

### *4.5 Stars*

Jane Harvey-Berrick delivers another beautiful, sexy story. Her books have a depth and connection between the characters that I love.

I absolutely adore an older woman-younger man story. I was worried that I would be lost, having not read *The Education of Sebastian* and *The Education of Caroline* first. These books have been on my Kindle since they were released and now I am dying to read them. I followed this story with no problem at all, and fell in love with Sebastian and Caroline.

Years before, Sebastian and Caroline had a passionate and forbidden affair. He was just a teenager and she was married. They were torn apart but he never got over her. He has spent years trying to forget her and Caroline has not been able to forget him either. The depth of their love for each other is evident in this book and in Sebastian's stubbornness in trying to break through Caroline's emotional barriers.

He has now a Marine stationed in Switzerland in a safe but boring desk job. Caroline is now a journalist, waiting for approval to travel to Afghanistan. Sebastian jumps at the chance to spend time with Caro but his years of wild drinking and partying plus his temper put barriers between them.

It was so clear to me that these two belong together! The European setting is wildly romantic and the scenes between Caroline and Sebastian are wonderfully erotic and steamy. If you love a second chance love story, then *Semper Fi* is a must-read. Jane Harvey-Berrick is an author whose books I will automatically read. She never disappoints with her beautiful, sexy writing and deeply-felt characters. As an added bonus, proceeds from this book go towards military charities. And now, I can't wait to dive in to *The Education of Caroline* and *The Education of Sebastian*!

(A copy was provided by the author in return for an honest review.)

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## AJ says

***“I was looking at her. I felt grateful to be here: this woman, this time, this place. Second chances didn’t come any better.”***

### **3.5 stars.**

The Education of Sebastian / The Education of Caroline is one of my favourite and most cherished love stories. What started off as a forbidden affair between a 30 year old married woman and a 17 year old boy became an epic love story when they fell into soul-deep, life-changing love and were brutally torn apart, only to reconnect 10 years later. Now, Jane Harvey-Berrick has given us the story of that reconnection from a different perspective, and this book is the retelling of book 2, *The Education of Caroline* from the POV of Sebastian.

Sebastian has lived a wild life since he was left absolutely shattered by his separation from Caroline. Devastated and full of anger that she made no effort to contact him after he spent years waiting for her, he joined the US Marines, and is now a bitter and detached (semi-alcoholic) 27 year old, working a desk job in Geneva, Switzerland as a form of disciplinary rehabilitation for his wild behaviour. And then Caroline, now a journalist and war correspondent, walks back into his life.

*She walked towards me and my heart started pounding in my chest again. Christ, it hurt so fucking much. How could it hurt so much if I wasn’t dying? Or maybe I was. I didn’t know anymore. Because when she came towards me, it was just her and me again. Just us. No one else. She wove her magic and the world went away.*

If you’ve read the original two books then you will know exactly what to expect going into this book. If you haven’t read them, then stop reading this review and go off and make a start on them now, because this is one highly emotional, steamy and stunningly beautiful story.

*The Education of Caroline* is a clusterfuck of emotions as Sebastian and his Caro find themselves thrust back together after 10 years apart, and I loved the chance to be inside of Sebastian’s head as he experiences the shock, anger, hurt and regret of all that he has lost, and then the depth of his love for the woman he has been unable to forget and his firm determination not to let her get away again.

*I watched her for the longest time, scared by the depth of emotion I felt for her, that I’d always felt for her. I knew she thought that a 17 year old boy couldn’t understand adult love, but she’d been wrong about that: nothing had changed for me. She was still the only woman who’d ever owned my heart.*

The love story is beautiful, and I always love a story told by a desperately-in-love-man, but don’t expect too much new content. Honestly, I was hoping for something a bit more, but this book is exactly what it is advertised as – a retelling of the original story, with the same events and dialogue as appears in the original book, just with a different twist.

*“I love you, Caro, so much. I haven’t changed how I feel. I still love you – I’ve always loved you. It’s only ever been you.”*

*I stopped breathing as she gazed back at me, her lips moving wordlessly. And then she spoke.*

*“I love you, too, Sebastian. More than you’ll ever know.”*

*That was all I needed to hear.*

It has been a while since I read the original books so the repetitiveness wasn't a huge issue for me, but this book did feel a little rushed. I especially wanted more details towards the end of the book where Sebastian's story takes a dramatic turn. In the original books I felt that I wanted more from the end of the story, and I was hoping to get that here, but I still feel it wasn't explored as much as it could have been – especially considering the detail of the romance earlier in the book. But again, I appreciated Sebastian's POV so we could see exactly what he was feeling, and it was heartbreakingly real in places. (view spoiler)

(hide spoiler)].

The ending finishes off exactly where the original book did – which I honestly thought felt unfinished, but I did have a copy of the more-recently-released The Education of Sebastian & The Education of Caroline paperback on my bookshelf which contains additional content, including an epilogue which finishes everything off beautifully. So I sat and read the end of that after finishing this book in order to give myself some closure.

I wouldn't consider this book a must-read, and I admit it wasn't as epic as I was hoping, but my love for these two characters and their story was enough to carry me through, and I enjoyed the different perspective on a book duet which remains very close to my heart.

3.5 stars.

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**Katy Loves Romance ❤? says**

**4 Stars\*\*\*\***

Ok where do I start, this is a story but in Sebastian's POV, now I haven't read Caro's side of things this is completely new material for me, so if you haven't read the original story like me then this can be read as a STANDALONE. But being most people know this story I'm going to just explain some of my book thoughts.

I love male POV's I love to understand their feelings, their cockiness and it's also great to read the naughty.

Jane is a storyteller and knows how to create something out of the box per-se. She takes you to a place you haven't been to, she enables you to see into Sebastian's eyes, and what he was going through. She created a story with Intrigue and helped you gain some perspective concerning what the marines do, but to also understand what a man will do to protect his woman, his life and fight for what he believes in.

To begin with Seb wasn't in the best frame of mind yet when he bumps in Caro 10 years after loosing her and he missed the hell out of her by using sex and alcohol as a way to numb the pain. Therefore he was in shock when he saw her for the first time at a meeting he wasn't expecting her to be attending. He deals with his life with the drink and that was something that Caro was scared of when they met, who was this man that became because it wasn't the man she left back when he was a teenager. But he wants a chance to make it up to her and so they go back to where Caro is from, they travel Italy. I will say I really enjoyed this part where they are getting to know each other again, Seb sure knows how to wine and dine his lady and how to let her take her time to forgive his recent angry tone. His short fuse which is something that is easily sparked when he gets frustrated with Caro. But more so with himself, and how his vulnerability comes through, how he feels with her and how she's older so what does he have to offer her, when he's 'just a marine,' his words not mine.

***The heart that loves is always young.***

But time is of essence and they gradually creep up to the time where he has to leave and go back into the Marines for his last two years of service. This part for me was educational, yet I did struggle with this bit as it dragged slightly for me. I just felt that the amount of information of what happens there in the midst of war was a tad too much at times, that's just me though you may not agree so don't let that stop you from reading. Saying that it did give some insight and as a whole made me understand the tonne of the story. I suppose when things turned slightly crazy I could understand Sebs Heartbreak, his emotions, need, feelings and depression but ultimately his nightmares. I felt every pain with him in the latter end of the book because I have been through the middle with **THEM**.

The end was what I loved most because I truly felt all the emotions concerning where they came from to where they are now as a couple, and as individuals, concerning their careers and as a family. To me this was a story about **LIVING and LOVE** and how two people from separate ends of the world find a place for them. Find love within each other and I loved feeling Sebs full heart, he has been through a lot yet Caro helped him breathe again. He had a short fuse at times but he sure knew how to make it up to Caro. He loves easily and he never gave up.

Overall I enjoyed this story, if you've read Caro's side you will most likely adore this story and if your like me and want to try it I feel you'll enjoy it for different reasons. Jane as per the norm knows how to write a good story just be ready for one hell of a ride.

***"Sei tutto per me." You mean the world to me.***

Enjoy Xo

**Reading order if you wish to read them all but this is a STANDALONE.**

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**Lelyana says**

**\*\*\* 5 'SEMPRE E PER SEMPRE' STARS!\*\*\***

Reading Semper Fi was like coming home and falling in love all over again. Being inside Sebastian Hunter helped me much of understanding him, his demons, his sadness, his anger, and his true feeling about Caro all the years they separated .

And I'm falling for him all over again, just like Caro did.

And besides, who can resist that bad boy charm inside of him?

Definitely not Caro, and not me.

I can see so many of you would agree with me.

It's retelling , but doesn't feels like a retelling. What's in Hunter's head is totally different from Caro's. And I know why did I love him from the beginning. Actually, Sebastian Hunter is genuine, naive and so like an open book. He is what he is.

His love for Caro, is one of the best love I have ever read in a book.

It's pure and unconditional. Age gap, people?

Over all, this is a worth waiting for, worth re-reading all over again. And like I said earlier, worth to falling in love all over again.

Well done Jane !

Posted my review here

## Jacqueline says

This was even better than I dared hope for. Seb and Caro blow me away. This wasn't just a retelling, I've completely lived inside Seb's head for the last couple of days. Beautiful story, great writing. Full review now posted.

Releases 10 November, all proceeds to the Felix Fund, the bomb disposal charity. An amazing book for an amazing cause.

Pre-order here: <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Semper-Fi-Edu...-1&keywords=semper+fi+jane>

"I love you more than air, Caro. Always. Sempre. And I'll do everything I can to come home to you. I promise you that."

I'm melting after this one. A big puddle of contented goo. Thanks to this retelling of my favourite ever book through the eyes of my number one BBF Sebastian, not only have I lived inside his head but also I got to enjoy the beautiful and emotional story of Sebastian and Caroline with lots of fresh perspectives and insights all over again. Absolute reading bliss.

I read The Education of Sebastian, and its sequel, The Education of Caroline, before I even had a kindle. Sebastian was the book that forced me to download the kindle reading app onto my laptop and register an account with Amazon because, at that time, it was the only format it was available in. Up until that point, I'd been convinced that those e-reader gadgets were the work of Satan and not for me, a proper book reader. Ahem.

Yeah, so that changed. This author has much to answer for.

So as anyone who has read Caroline will know, it's an emotional and poignant read. Picking up ten years after the killer, tear-you-apart-and-leave-you-sobbing ending of the first book, both Caroline and Sebastian haven't seen one another for ten years. Ten years!! Neither have truly moved on, but they're both doing what they love, Seb a US Marine and Caroline, a photographer specialising in military pics that tell a story for the media. Seb is bitter and jaded about women, but still with an eye for the older woman. He's also learned lots of new moves. Caroline is kind of defeated and empty, going through the motions, but never having found anyone to repair the hole Sebastian left in her soul.

The thing that I adored in this series is still here in spades - that forbidden, secret affair vibe really ramps up the sexual tension and makes the story sizzle and burn. When you add in the fact that they're in a dangerous, war torn location where they don't know who can be trusted, it really makes for an intense, edge of the seat reading experience. Oh and it's as hot as fuck too. I mean, really, steamy and erotic, but so beautifully romantic.

I think that's one of the reasons why The Education of Caroline remains one of my favourite books of all time; it's a perfect blend of gripping story, romance, searing smut and with a touch of sweet sadness and belly churning angst to balance all of the goo along the way. I was so pleased that this wasn't just a retelling with a change of pronoun; I actually feel like I've been inside Sebastian's head and enjoyed a fresh perspective and new information that made reading this as enjoyable as it was the first time.

Then there's a new epilogue, ten years on, at the end. It's worth buying for that alone.

If you haven't read The Education of Sebastian or The Education of Caroline yet then you're in for a treat. My advice, if you're asking, is read them first then wallow in this. You'll love it, really.

\*\*I received an arc from the author in return for my honest opinion. Thanks to Jane Harvey-Berrick for making my day\*\*

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I want a Seb in my life. Is that too much to ask?

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Eu li o livro A EDUCAÇÃO DE CAROLINE – na versão original – em 2013, pela primeira vez. E, assim como o primeiro livro, eu curti. Essa história é linda. É sofrida. É um romance maravilhoso sobre superação e sobre duas pessoas que se amam de verdade, apesar de tudo.

O livro A EDUCAÇÃO DE SEBASTIAN foi lançado no Brasil e eu ganhei o físico e reli. Como eu estava com saudade desses dois!! E coincidentemente a autora estava relançando o livro 2, só que agora pelo ponto de vista do Sebastian. E ai resolvi, dessa vez, estar dentro da cabeça desse loiro lindo já que estava tudo fresco na minha cabeça.

Esse livro aqui, o SEMPER FI, foi escrito para agradar os fãs da série e para angariar fundos para instituições de caridade de soldados que sofreram e sofrem até hoje algum problema psicológico ou físico devido à guerra.

**SÓ CONTINUE LENDO SE JÁ TIVER LIDO OS LIVROS ANTERIORES.**

SEMPER FI é basicamente a mesma história do A EDUCAÇÃO DE CAROLINE. Não muda muita coisa, já que os dois personagens passam o livro praticamente todos juntos. Ou sendo amigos, ou brigando ou reconciliando rs.

Não são muitas autoras que conseguem diferenciar a escrita quando mudam a voz do personagem. E a autora

Jane Harvey-Berrick aqui foi bem sucedida, já que conseguimos ver que realmente são pensamentos de um homem.

Eu já era apaixonada pelo Seb antes, agora então... muito mais. Foi legal saber o que ele estava pensando, o quanto sofreu com a distância dos dois. E, principalmente, o quando ele amava a Caro.

Sério, esse livro é pra deixar qualquer mulher frustrada porque não encontrou um cara desses. O Seb não era perfeito. Era teimoso, muitas vezes era chato. Entretanto, em nenhum momento você duvidava do amor dele. Que ele pode ter se tornado um “puto” e ter saído passando o rodo na cidade - ou melhor, no mundo, né – mas no momento que ele estava com a Caro, o mundo dele era ela. Pra proteger e tudo mais. Em nenhum momento a duvidas sobre onde está o coração do Seb. E isso, meu povo, me deixa super frustrada!

Valeu super a pena estar com esses dois novamente. Continuo achando a história maravilhosa. E adorei como o final foi mais detalhado que o primeiro livro, inclusive há uma cena bônus pra deixar qualquer um com um sorriso bobo no rosto. Eu queria mais. E pode ser que daqui uns dois anos novamente, eu venha a reler... e me encontrar – e me frustrar – com o Seb novamente.

PS: Segundo o Google: Semper fi ou semper fidelis é uma expressão em latim que significa “sempre fiel”, na tradução para o português. Esta frase é conhecida por ser o lema do Corpo de Fuzileiros Navais dos Estados Unidos da América – United States Marine Corps.

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