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### **The Education of Sebastian**

Trapped in a loveless marriage, thirty year old Caroline Wilson moves to San Diego after her military husband earns a promotion. Feeling lost and alone Caroline strikes up a friendship with young local surfer Sebastian Hunter.

Sebastian has more than friendship on his mind when he runs into Caroline on the beach. But when sparks fly friendship turns into an illicit love that threatens them both.

### **The Education of Caroline**

Now a successful journalist, Caroline heads 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 Chief Sebastian Hunter.

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

### **The Education of Sebastian & The Education of Caroline Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Education of Sebastian & The Education of Caroline for online ebook**

### **KC -- Reading Is My Superpower says**

Oh wow.... I was not sure what to expect with this one, but am I ever glad I took the chance!

I love to read books that are out of the box. Not your normal when John meets Jane. And this bundle delivered! Now, I must warn you, if you are sensitive to taboo reads, then this one is not for you!

Caroline is a 30 year old married woman. Married to a high ranking military man, locked in a loveless marriage. She has no real life of her own, and her days consist of tending to her husbands every need and dancing around his moods. Living with a bully of a husband, Caroline is sad and lonely. She has resigned herself to a life of servitude and feeling unappreciated.

Sebastian is a 17 year old high school student. The son of the commander, he has expectations put on him, goals created for him, and a life planned out by a domineering father and a drunk mother. With ideas and wants of his own, he is a constant disappointment to parents that care little about him, and endures physical abuse from his overbearing father.

When Sebastian is 8 years old, he meets 22 year old Caroline. As Caroline introduces him to Italian, and Opera, and the love of reading, his 8 year old self decides that there is no other woman for him besides Caroline. But fate takes her across country, and all he is left with is memories. 10 years later, Caroline returns. And she runs into a grown up Sebastian. As they begin a friendship, feelings become involved, love blooms, and life changing choices explode and alter the paths of everyone involved.

This is such an amazing story. The feelings that coursed through me raged from one extreme to another. I found myself cheering for Caroline and Sebastian to finally get together. I wanted them to have their Happily Ever After. There was just enough angst to keep you on the edge of your seat and turning pages. And the twists and turns and road blocks that showed up had me chewing my nails and talking to the pages. And I shed a few tears.

Caroline was a fantastic leading lady. She had strength hidden in the depths of her soul that she didn't know existed. And when push came to shove, she persevered and did what she had to do. When her world exploded, she found a way to put the pieces back together and move on.

Sebastian was amazing. His ability to love and his loyalty were unbelievable. He was his own person, not afraid to go after what he wanted, and didn't care what the rest of the world thought. He started out shy, and unsure, but as he grew up, he grew into a self assured, take charge man. I adored him.

Even though this was not a cliff hanger, it left me wanting more. I want to know how the rest of their lives play out. The epilogue tied everything together, and there were no loose ends. But I have a major book hangover right now, and I want more.

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## **Lelyana says**

**\*\*\* Edited**

**5 stars for all time favorites books and all time favorite couples\*\*\***

TEoS/TEoC are two books that found my self hard to easily forget. Hell, these books stays with me forever! I adore Jane's writing, and when it came to Sebastian and Caroline, what was seemed so wrong felt so right.

I was about 35 years old when a young man 9 years younger than me asked me for a date, and we're together for awhile. I was worried in the beginning (so I really did understand Caro's feeling about the age differences, and all)...but this man I date, he was so determine, just like Sebastian.

It's hard to love an older woman, our culture okay with older man dating younger woman..but why not being fair? Why not equal?

I think this is what Jane tried to tell all of us.

**"When you love someone, let it be just love. Don't let anything come between you, including age differences"**

I loved the series so much, I own the e-copy, paperback and definitely waiting for this bundle to arrive on my doorstep..Just can't get enough of Seb and Caro...!

**Well done Jane Harvey-Berrick!**

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## **Brenna says**

**The Education Series is definitely something special. It's one of those series where you live and breathe the characters and everything they go through. It's one of my absolute favorites!**

*The Education of Sebastian* really took me by surprise the first time I read it. I haven't read many books about older woman and a younger man but I feel like this book really did it right. Caroline is a 30 year-old military wife, trapped in a loveless marriage. She married at the young age of 19 to an older man, a Navy medical officer who quickly charmed her, but she has been unhappy ever since – completely losing herself in her unhealthy relationship.

He hated the way I dressed, the way I spoke, what I spoke about and the things that interested me to speak about.

When 17 year-old Sebastian comes into her life, he completely brightens her world with his kind, sweet heart. I could not have loved him more! He's loving, open hearted, honest, and vulnerable. He just broke my heart over and over with how sweet, genuine and raw he was with his emotions.

What was it about that boy? He really got under my skin. It had been simple when he was a child, and I'd enjoyed his uncomplicated company. Things had certainly changed.

Things between Caroline and Sebastian move quickly and it's not long before they are acting on their attraction for one another.

I have to admit, I was surprised by how fast everything happens but as the story moves forward there was never any doubt that it was much more than lust. Their feelings completely consumed each other and it always felt incredibly genuine.

"Is it always like this?" he said, suddenly looking lost and vulnerable. I knew what he was asking me and I didn't have an answer. I shook my head. "Not for me ... not until now, until you." What did I know of the kind of love that made it hard to breathe, where your body ached day and night for that connection with another, physically, mentally, spiritually? It was utterly new and terrifying and exhausting and wonderful.

I think the way the affair was handled was done really well. I never for one minute was even remotely mad at Caroline for having the affair or carrying on the way she did. I'm glad I never questioned if he would leave David and she didn't really either, it was more of when and how to go about it. There were some cheesy moments because it's a very sweet romance, but even with that it was mostly just endearing. I had a lot of anxiety while reading, just waiting and waiting for them to get caught, but it did make the experience that much more exciting and made me that much more invested in the story. And then THAT ENDING! Wow, talk about explosive! It really took my breath away and left me reeling. Then I read the blurb for *The Education of Caroline* and about passed out....

4.5 stars.

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*The Education of Caroline* picks up 10 years, yes, **TEN YEARS** after the ending that separated Sebastian and Caroline in the previous book. When I read that in the blurb, there was no doubt that I had to continue immediately to see what happened and why these two were not together after all this time.

Ten years ago, Caroline was living a life she didn't want with a man she didn't love. She was pretty lost and didn't do anything for herself. When we see Caroline now, she is strong, independent, and has become an incredibly successful journalist who is taken very seriously in her profession. I couldn't have been more proud, I just wanted to give her a high five and say, "*You go girl!*" But, of course one thing was missing. I love how Caroline and Sebastian are introduced to each other again in the book. Caroline hasn't spoken to or seen Seb since the night all hell broke loose and their affair was made public. So, traveling to Geneva for a

‘hostile environment’ training program for journalists before making her way to the Middle East was the last place she thought she’d be seeing the love of her life again.

Sebastian: the reason my marriage had ended; the catalyst for my becoming a journalist. The man I’d loved more than any man, before or since. The man I hadn’t seen for ten long years. My beautiful boy, my lover, my friend. The man I thought I’d never see again.

Saying it’s rocky between them is an understatement. So much has happened and changed. Sebastian is very different from the young man Caroline used to know, he’s still brutally honest but a little less gentle and much more angry.

“I really want to hear this, Caro. I really want to hear how hard you tried to find me,” he jeered. “You knew my fucking father was forcing me to enlist because of you, but you didn’t even bother to make a few fucking phone calls. Three years I waited for you, Caro. Three fucking years, while you were off building your career and having a great life traveling all over the world. So yeah, I fucked some women who deserved it, because I’d already been fucked over once and I wasn’t going to let it happen again.”

There is a lot more up and down in this book and I think that’s just because their emotions are so intense. Not only is there that desperate love that has always been there, but now they have to deal with the repercussions of their choices over the last ten years. They have to get to know each other again and fight for what they had.

It never occurred to me that you... that you’d be waiting for me.” He leaned forward, his eyes intense and angry. “But I said I’d wait for you. I promised I’d wait. Hell, Caro, it was the last thing I got to say to you. And you... you said...” he bit his lip, hesitating. I’d promised to love him forever.

I thought they both acted immature at times in this, but in a way I could empathize with that because things were so strained, so much time had passed, so much had happened, and there was a lot of hurt. They were bound to piss each other off and get into it. But underneath it all they are still the same people and are just meant to be together.

“I love you, Caro, so much.” I couldn’t believe he was saying these words to me. “I haven’t changed how I feel. I still love you—I’ve always loved you. It’s only ever been you.”

I loved this book, even more than the first. Even though it was heartbreakingly sad at times, their struggles only brought them closer. Things progress really beautifully and there is great closure from the past book. My one complaint was that I wanted a bit more from the end. Don’t get me wrong, I was really happy with how things were, but because I love these characters so much I didn’t want to let them go yet, I wanted more. AND, that is EXACTLY what I got from the new bonus epilogues and chapters in this combined edition. I couldn’t be happier with the ending, it’s **perfect** for Sebastian and Caroline.

5 stars for The Education of Caroline and the series as a whole! ♥

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### **Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says**

**Series rating: 4-4.5 STARS!!!**

P.S. The bundle is LIVE!!!

There's always a risk when I decide to re-read old favorites – what if they aren't as good as the first time around? So after taking a few days to read The Education series I'm pretty happy to say that Sebastian and Caroline will *always* have that #1 spot as my favorite older woman/younger man romance. It's unconventional, taboo, heartwarming yet heartbreaking and scorching hot – the perfect combination!

Though I'm a fan of taboo stories, I know that a lot of this series's content will ward off readers. What makes this taboo: Sebastian is 17 and Caroline is 30 when they first engage in a relationship *and* Caroline is married. And as much as I love anything that goes against the grain, Sebastian's age gave me a jolt – I didn't want to read about a minor in an affair! But after reading this series, I can say that this is one of the rare exceptions where I was okay with infidelity and any society rules that were broken once Sebastian and Caroline were together. There was never a doubt in my mind that these two belonged together – their story is full of anguish, depth, loss, and an unparalleled connection that Caroline never has with her husband (who's a big jerk by the way) or Sebastian with any of his ex-girlfriends.

What I loved a lot about this series is how well it spans the characters' lives – Sebastian and Caroline first meet when she's 21 and he's 8 and by the time the series concludes, Caroline's 40 and Sebastian's 30. Again, don't let the age difference frighten you; there's so much more to these books than the taboo aspect. It's hauntingly real, deeply passionate, and cleverly written – these characters (good or bad) will have you captivated and flipping the pages for more.

If you are interested in these books, then I'd recommend reading them when you can fully commit to the series and can read both books one after another! FYI, this review is for the complete **book bundle that will be available on April 28**: The Education of Sebastian, The Education of Caroline, bonus POV scenes from Sebastian, and extra scenes.

*ARC provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.*

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### **Nana says**

## 5 stars!!

I haven't read very many older woman/younger man books and right now I really don't know why. If they are anything like this one, I've definitely been missing out! I can't even begin to tell you how much I loved this series. It was amazing!

I've always loved a good old fashioned taboo or forbidden romance story, but this one had a few elements that made me wary to read it. For one thing, there's Sebastian's age. When his affair with Caroline begins, he is only 17 years old while she's 30. At first, it was a bit uncomfortable when they took their relationship to a physical level but I soon realized that they genuinely loved each other and I had no doubt in my mind that they were meant to be together. Then, his age didn't seem to matter anymore and I found myself even forgetting that he was so young. Besides the age difference, Caroline is married when they begin their affair and cheating is a big no-no for me. I also try to stay away from love triangle type scenarios, but in this case it really worked and I didn't mind it so much. It helped that her husband was a complete ass and I really didn't like him at all.

**Despite what happened that day, despite what happened later, I can't bring myself to regret the events of that summer, because Sebastian taught me how to love.**

Sebastian was a breath of fresh air. I'm so used to reading about big bad alpha men who take charge and know how to make their women squirm with need and desire. Don't get me wrong, I love me a strong alpha male but it was really nice to read about a different type of guy for a change. Sebastian was so sweet and open with his feelings. I loved watching him go from being unsure of himself to slowly gaining confidence and growing into a great man. He hasn't had an easy life by any means, but he somehow managed to come out of it still believing in love and wanting to experience everything life has to offer. He is mature beyond his 17 years because he's had to grow up so fast and take care of himself pretty much his whole life. I loved that he was so sure of his feelings. Even at his young age, he knew he loved Caroline and that there was no one else for him. And his feelings never wavered throughout the whole story, even when they were apart.

Caroline was a great character as well. She was a 19 year old military bride who is now feeling trapped in an unhappy, loveless marriage. I think the reason her relationship with Sebastian worked was because Caroline was still somewhat a child herself, having been thrown into her marriage at such a young age and for all the wrong reasons. And seeing as Sebastian was mature for his age, it seems they kind of met in the middle and understood each other on a different, more intimate level. I really enjoyed watching her gain confidence and finally stand up to her husband. It was really great to see her growing as a person, opening up her heart and realizing how amazing and wonderful true love can be. It was, understandably, hard for her to admit that she was in love with a 17 year old, but by the end of the first book, she had given in to her true feelings and learned to look past the age gap and allow herself to really be in the moment with Sebastian.

**What did I know of the kind of love that made it hard to breathe, where your body ached day and night for that connection with another, physically, mentally, spiritually? It was utterly new and terrifying and exhausting and wonderful. I was dazzled by the light that spilled from him into the shadow of my previous existence. He eclipsed everything, erased everything that had gone before. I was reborn—not just to him, but to myself. And I was ready for the adventure.**

Their journey wasn't easy in any shape or form, but it was definitely real. If there is anything I can say about this book, it would be that it was very real. I have no experience in having an affair or being with someone that much younger than me, but I would imagine that one would be going through all the feelings and apprehensions that this couple experienced. And I felt it all. It was so raw and emotional. It was beautiful and terrifying. It was sad and wonderful. It was fascinating and completely engrossing. It was everything!

I can't end this review without mentioning the amazing bonus chapters at the end. They were just fantastic and added a whole new understanding of the story, as there was a lot in Sebastian's POV. I loved it!

I highly recommend this series! It has found a place on my favorites shelf and I know I will be re-reading it.

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### **Philomena Callan Cheekypee says**

Oh wow. I absolutely loved these two books. This is a fantastic book bundle that u totally loved. This bundle will stay on my kindle in the hope I can re-read again soon. Yes I loved it that much. It is definitely one of my favourite series I've ever read.

As this is a review for both books I'm not going into the storylines just in case I spoil the books for you.

This series is about a taboo subject. The relationship between an older woman, Caroline and a younger man Sebastian. If your okay with taboo subjects then get clicking this now. This series is a rollercoaster of a story. I was biting my nails one minute and smiling the next minute. I was an emotional mess reading this.

I'm so so glad I waited and read this series one after the other. I've never read anything by this author before but after reading these that will be changing. Awesome books that I'll certainly be re-reading. If I could give this more than five stars I certainly would.

Received complimentary copy in return for an honest review.

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### **LZ says**

This is one of my FAVORITE SERIES EVER. I LOVED re-visiting these two and the bonus content is just PERFECTION! <3

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### **KAS says**

\*4.5 SPELLBINDING Stars\*

I love to go into a book totally blind, selecting it only because of the author, as I love how Ms. Berrick can brilliantly weave a story so you feel you are part of it. I refrained from reading the synopsis and just allowed the story to reveal itself page by page, chapter by chapter. What unfolded left me spellbound!

This extremely talented author creates two wonderfully enchanting characters, who are twelve years apart in age. When they meet she is a young military wife and he is an eight year old child. A decade later, they meet again, the attraction is overwhelming and a forbidden love story is born! It is an affair so wrong and yet feels so right. Together they learn what "true love" is really all about. They also learn, in the blink of an eye, your world can come crashing down around you.

Quite honestly if you don't fall in love with Sebastian, you don't have a pulse ;)

I did do some eye rolling though, which is why 4.5 stars and not 5. After about the twentieth very descriptive, but many beautiful, sex scenes, I was thinking 'Okay, got it. They love having sex, they have great sex, they enjoy discussing the sex they are about to have" and so on. But I digress .....

#### Book One ..... The Education of Sebastian

Caroline was raised by a mother who loathed her and a father who adored her. But Mommy Dearest ruled the roost and literally pushed Caroline out of the family nest and into the arms of a US Navy officer. She married David at age 19 and they moved from the east coast to San Diego Naval Base. Caroline realized quickly she was stuck in a loveless marriage long before their second anniversary. David tried to mold her into being just like "all the other officer's wives." He hated how she dressed, how she spoke and what she spoke about. Her input or thoughts on any subject were meaningless as far as he was concerned. So to keep the peace, she wore what he told her to wear and kept her mouth shut. The "domineering bully" gave out the orders and she complied. She was his "cook, cleaner, party organizer and occasional sexual toy."

She is introduced to one of the "other wives," her vile husband and their eight year old son named Sebastian. Totally ignored by his parents, aka monsters, Caroline feels sorry for the boy and started spending time with him talking about books, listening to opera and teaching him Italian, which was the language of her father. A sweet and innocent friendship develops between them. When Sebastian learns Caroline is moving across the country to Camp Lejeune, NC, because her husband is being reassigned to another naval unit, he cries for days. She had become his refuge. An escape from his alcoholic mother and his abusive father.

At age 30, and surprised she is still married to David, Caroline finds herself back in San Diego. While on the beach enjoying the warmth of the sun, Caroline is greeted by the voice of a surfer, belonging to none other than Sebastian, who has grown into a very handsome young man.

What transpires between them is like nothing I have ever read before. I was transfixed by their friendship, their attraction for one another, their affair, their dilemma, and their ultimate demise.

#### Book Two ..... The Education of Caroline

You need to read "The Education of Sebastian" first ;)) But gracious sakes, talk about taking it up a notch or two! You get pulled even deeper and more passionately into their lives and their love for each other. You cheer for them, you smile for them, you hurt for them. As much as I enjoyed the first book of this fascinating duo, it was the second book which really grabbed hold of my heart and has yet to let go. I highly recommend!

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## Milot says

### 5 INTENSE BEAUTIFUL PASSIONATE STAR

“You are my world Caro. And you’re MINE”- Sebastian

First let me just say that this is my first book about forbidden love and about older woman and younger man and I was a little hesitant going into it because of a huge age gap. This book had been on my TBR for so long and when I got to know that the author will release a bundle of this series which include a bonus chapters and epilogue I just dive in reading it. And WOW! I’m hooked....it’s simply CAPTIVATING.

I gotta say that I had a hard time reading the first part of this book because my HEART is beating so fast with every scene. Every single thing between them is forbidden and dangerous and I always held my breath when I thought they were going to get caught.

“Everything had a price; every glance, every kiss, every stolen touch...”

I really adore Sebastian and Caroline’s love. It’s not all about physical connection BUT it’s all about what they saw in each other that made their life complete. They both longed for love and found it with each other. Their journey had been a tough one; there had been a lot of factors that always made them pull apart and some life circumstances that is unexpectedly happened.

I have to say that I’m madly in love with Sebastian because of how intense his love for Caro it....he’s a young guy but at some point he’s been actually the adult making the best decisions with their relationship. He’s the sweetest, kind, loving guy I ever know even if he’s life and parents sucks.

The writing style of the author is AMAZING. She made me FEEL every emotion that just made me wrapped up into the story. The fear, worries, uncertainty, jealousy and possessiveness is too much to bear while reading it. It’s making me freak out sometimes.

I actually cried at the end of the first part and at the middle part of the part two because of some intense moments that broke my heart. I didn’t see it coming how painful this book could be.

And what I really love about this book bundle is the added EPILOGUE and bonus chapters. I don’t want to say more about it but I assure you that you’ll love it so much.

Over all this book simply PHENOMENAL. The angst, romance, heart ache is all worth it. I love the writing

style of the author and I love Sebastian and Caroline get the happy ever after they deserved.

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### **Kelsey's Korner Blog says**

No spoilers here and not a lot of talk about the storyline, I'm going with my feelings and talking about the writing. Jane is one of my go to authors without reading the synopsis, she's an expert in her field in my opinion and that will never change I'm certain of it. Jane just gets better with age, like fine wine or is that cheese? Well you know what I mean! The taste gets better and you devour every drop. Her writing is tangible, solid and never lets you down.

This has to be one of my all time favourite book series'. I love angst and I love uncertainty. I love forbidden and I love a tale of woe. The Education Series gave me everything I needed, including a self assured slightly older heroine who's strength was beyond belief, and a very young boy who grew into a fine figure of a man. Yes she's an older woman and yes he's quite young but there is nothing at all seedy about this whatsoever. The sacrifices Caroline made in her life were heartbreakingly sad and I admired her greatly. The pain Sebastian suffered was torturous.

The story takes many unexpected twists and turns, and Jane is quite adventurous. This is why I admire Jane for her remarkable research into areas of devastation, the attention to every detail is excellent. Jane can tell a story, she can make you laugh and she can certainly make you cry. You will also find your knickers may need a change every now and again, which was all good by me.

This is a long story about survival, about separation about grief! The plot has so much depth there's no time to get bored, once you start you will be enthralled as I was. I was satisfied with the ending but I don't think it needs to be the end, I am sure Sebastian and Caroline will be talked about for many years to come. I recommend this highly and I'm certain it will blow your mind and leave you with a huge book hangover.

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### **Kirsty says**

Here is a link to my reviews of The Education of Sebastian and The Education of Caroline.

**TEoS review.**

**TEoC review.**

In summary, this series is one of my favourite. With a mixture of forbidden love and second chance love, *The Education of..* series is a brilliant blend of the angsty sort of series' that I love. The troubles and pain that Seb and Caro went through over the course of their relationship is both heartbreakingly sad and joyful. The series is a truly enjoyable read.

With the two books easily being 5 stars for me, this book was easily going to be the same, thanks to the original story and bonus chapters.

I love the stories that Jane has created here, and reading extra material was such a treat. Not only do we get a deeper look in to the future of Seb and Caro, but we are also treated to extra chapters in Seb's POV, right from the beginning of their story.

***"But the truth is, home could be anywhere, as long as I'm with Caro. I am one lucky bastard."***

If you loved the series already, there is no way you aren't going to love this, thanks to the added material. **If you haven't read it yet**, prepare to go on a journey. A journey of growth, heart break, a ton of pain, but eventually a beautifully ending love story.

*\*Reviewing for The Hopeless Romantics Book Blog as part of the 'The Education...' blog tour.\**

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### **Kirsten P says**

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### **Romance Readers Retreat says**

NOTE: This volume contains two complete books, so this review may be longer than a normal review. I will be focusing on each book separately. Because of that you may not want to read the second half of this review until you've read the first book. Otherwise you may find some spoilers to the first book within the second book's review.

#### **BOOK ONE: The Education of Sebastian:**

Well, my mind has been blown.

This is a beautiful book about a beautifully unorthodox relationship between an unhappily married 30 year old woman and a 17 year old boy. Right away I know you may be thinking to yourself, ugh. I did too when I first realized what was going on. But if you have the guts to stick it out, I think you will be pleasantly surprised by what you find here.

Caroline is just sleepwalking through life, and through her marriage with David, a military doctor. They have been married for 11 years now, and Caroline has always put forth the happy front that is expected of a military wife. But she is not happy, not at all. If she is anything it's numb and defeated.

They recently move back to the west coast, as military families are wont to do. Caroline has no real family, and what few friends she had were left behind when they moved. She is virtually alone. David is not physically abusive to Caroline, but he is mentally abusive. She can do nothing right in his eyes. He is constantly belittling her, talking down to her, and treating her as hired help, and not as a true partner in their relationship. Caroline has put up with it because she feels she has no other choice. Her self esteem is shot, and she has come to believe the things her husband says about her.

Until she meets Sebastian again. You see Caroline used to babysit little 8 year old Sebastian when they were last on the west coast. He is no longer a little 8 year old boy. Sebastian has grown up, but he still remembers the beautiful woman who had such a positive influence on his life so many years ago.

Sebastian's home life is horrible and abusive. His alcoholic mother and father are just as bad as you'd imagine them to be. They care for nothing, except for getting drunk. His father is sleeping around with everyone on the base, and his mother drowns herself in liquor just so she doesn't have to feel anything. As a result, Sebastian has had to grow up much faster than he should have.

Everything changes for both of them when they see each other again. There is obvious chemistry immediately, but Caroline knows this is wrong, and struggles to keep some distance between them.

Inevitably, things happen, and they ultimately give in to the temptation. It is only afterwards that Caroline discovers Sebastian is not yet 18 as she had believed, but he is still 17, not turning 18 for four more months. Caroline is devastated, knowing she has broken the law by sleeping with this underage kid. But in spite of every instinct telling her this is wrong, the stronger instinct is to enjoy the love they share for each other. The book is perfectly written and sucked me in from the very beginning. The characters are well drawn and believable. I could not put the book down. I wanted to feel judgmental toward a wife who would cheat on her husband with a 17 year old boy, but I couldn't. I felt so sad for Caroline. Sebastian is the first person to ever show her real love. Even her own mother was hateful to her when she was growing up. I began rooting for a happy ending for both of them, but I just knew this could not end well. I won't give anything away, but I can tell you that their story continues in *The Education of Caroline*, which is also included in this double volume. Continue reading for my review of Book Two, but only after you have read Book One.

## BOOK TWO: *The Education of Caroline*:

Do not read any further until after you've read *The Education of Sebastian*. There will be spoilers for Sebastian from this point on.

You must read *The Education of Sebastian* before starting this book. It picks up 10 years after the events of the first book. Caroline and Sebastian have both picked up the pieces of their lives and moved on as best they could.

Sebastian is now a 27 year old hot headed Chief Warrant Officer in the Marine Corps, and Caroline is now 40 years old and a successful writer and press correspondent being sent to war torn areas to write about what she witnesses.

They meet up again in Geneva Switzerland when Sebastian is tasked with teaching some journalists basic survival techniques in Afghanistan before they are deployed there. As you can imagine, seeing each other again was quite a shock for both of them.

Sebastian is a bitter man, thinking that his beloved Caro had abandoned him. He waited for her for 3 years after she had been run out of town, but she never contacted him. He is angry with her, but he still loves her and no other woman has ever lived up to his memory of her. Although he has certainly tried to find one. He now has a well deserved reputation as a ladies man.

Caroline, on the other hand, has never forgotten Sebastian. She has had a few flings in the last 10 years, but nothing serious. It turns out she had tried to contact Sebastian when he turned 21, but her letters were returned unopened. She figured Sebastian had already moved on, so she never tried to contact him again. The old spark is still there, however, even if it does sputter at first. The story of them getting to know each other again is beautifully written and very believable. I love these two. They were simply made for each other.

I will not tell you how it turns out, suffice it to say there are large hurdles to overcome, but they come out on the other side closer than ever before.

These are not your typical billionaire romance books. There is no BDSM here, no submissives, no red room of pain. What we have here is a much more realistic view of two people who are fated to be together in spite of overwhelming odds. They love each other unconditionally, and despite being torn apart at one point, love ultimately conquers all.

This combined volume also contains a couple of beautiful epilogues, and several very interesting alternate chapters. There are so many wonderful extras that it's almost like getting a third book for free.

I highly encourage you to try out *The Education Series*. I loved it, and I think you will too.

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## **Dina says**

5 stars....HELL NO!

5 isn't enough for these amazing books!

OMG I don't even know where to begin. These books totally caught me off guard when I first read them. I had just finished reading 50 Shades and was so in love with Christian Grey. And then along came Sebastian Hunter and completely stole my heart!

Holy Smokes!!! It's not your average love story. This story goes against everything that society says is right. First he's a minor and in love with a 30 year old woman. Second, she's married. But, their love is so strong, so passionate, so deep and so real they can't fight it. As society goes they shouldn't be in love but the heart wants what it wants. And man does it want this!

The entire series is so emotional and it really makes you feel everything the characters are feeling. It is so well written, the characters are so well developed and the writing is so graphic and detailed you feel like you are a part of their story, like you are their friend!

I absolutely fell in love with Sebastian. I will say I didn't fall in love right away. It did take me a few chapters!! In the first book he is very young, but only in age. He is very mature, smart, intelligent, and wise beyond his years. He has had to grow up pretty fast with the horrific parents he has. But as old and wise as he is, he is still a young man and sometimes it shows. I love that the writer was able to make you see that although he is very mature for his age he is very young in the love department.

Caroline is a 30 year old woman and shouldn't be falling in love with him. But she is in a loveless, controlling marriage and is very unhappy. Sebastian comes along and shows her what love really is. He may be young but he teaches her she deserves to be loved and treated like a woman. I could totally relate to how she was feeling. She didn't want to love him, it was wrong. It went against everything she thought was right. It was forbidden. But if there is one thing Sebastian is, it's persistent.

Fast forward 10 years and their love has not disappeared. But it is filled with anger and hurt. Get ready for an emotional rollercoaster. The second book was so intense and emotional...there were times I had to put it down just to catch my breath. There were times when I was afraid to turn the page because I was so afraid of what was going to happen, but yet I couldn't put it down.

I loved these books and Sebastian so much I declared every Sunday is Sebastian Sunday!!!! and I completely forgot all about Christian Grey! Nobody comes close to my man Sebastian! I love him!

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## **Angela Ruble Scott says**

This is my 5 star review for The Education of Sebastian and Caroline as a set with bonus material by Jane Harvey-Berrick for Eskimo Princess Book Reviews.

This series follows the steamy love affair between young, Sebastian Hunter, and an older, Caroline Verti Wilson. These two embark on a secret journey of love and lust when Sebastian is only 17 and Caroline is 30.

These two books span over many years and give us such an emotional ride. There is fear, love, lust, anger, hurt, pain, and forgiveness. Will these two ever find their HEA?

I really liked this series and it will definitely go on my favorites list. There was just something about this forbidden love that sucked me in. I really didn't know what to think going in, but with an open mind and a willing brain I dived right in. I can say I have no regrets. I laughed, I cried, I hurt when they hurt, and I wanted to throw a punch through the kindle a time or two. The writing was excellent and the editing was great! The plot line kept me hooked and I found myself reading way later than I should have been. I just couldn't put it down. I absolutely loved the bonus material. Being able to read from Sebastian's POV was refreshing and helped me see him in a different, deeper light. I loved the extended epilogue as well!

If you are looking for a second chance romance between two people that are meant for one another then this one is for you! If you love to read books where the military is involved then this one would fill that bill as well. Great Job Jane, I am a fan!

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