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When Carter is killed in combat, he leaves behind his heartbroken wife, Avery and his shattered best friend Remy. Naturally these two wounded souls gravitate together, irresistibly drawn by the loss of the one they both loved, as well as their deep friendship with each other. But when that friendship starts to turn into something more, new problems arise. Will Avery be able to move on after losing the love of her life? Will Remy be able to fill the void left by the loss of his best friend? Or will this new chance at love cost them all they have left?

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This is the first book that I've read from this author.

Oh wow...

This book.. It had me from the 1st page. I could not put it down. I don't know what I was expecting when I started to read this book... It really took me by surprise. A good surprise.

This book is about 3 friend that share an incredible bond.

2 best friends growing up together Remy & Carter. They join the Army. In the Army they meet Avery. She too was in the Army. Right from he start Carter steps up & claims Avery as his. Avery & Carter start a relationship. Remy keeps quite & becomes best friend with Avery too.

The 3 of them have been this way for 10 yrs.

Ok... This book was just spot for me. I just loved how the author builds up the characters that you feel like you know them & you just feel their emotions.

Right from the start Avery & Carters love comes through. You know how much they love each other.

You also feel kind of bad for Remy. Cause you know he's keeping a secret from his best friend & the person he loves.

But... He kept it all in. He wanted the 2 people most important in his life to be happy. I loved that about Remy!

Ok.. Now the very utterly sad part of this book...

I'm not giving anything away when I say Carter dies. I'm not going to tell you how he dies. Obviously, it says in the synopsis he died in combat.

I knew it was coming. I could feel it... But...it still caught me off guard. I was soooo sad! I think what made it even sadder for me was how Remy was holding on to Carter & talking to him...

Ughhh.. Tears in my eyes!!!

(I'm still trying not to cry!! I had to put my kindle down...& take a breath.

At this point... We haven't even gotten to Avery!...

Once she found out Carter died... I was crying like a baby!!!

Both Remy & Avery leaned on each other to get through that horrible times in their life.

For Avery she was grieving her other half & for Remy... He was grieving his best friend... But also too.. He was dealing with his overwhelming feelings for Avery.

I loved the pace of the book. I felt everything happened at the right and appropriate times.

There was only one part of this book I didn't care for & it was Avery's boss Liam.

I really wasn't feeling Liam's part in this book. It almost felt like it was thrown in.. Especially, at the end. Liam's whole part just felt weird to me.

But other than that.. This book was really fantastic.

I laughed... I cried.... I loved it!!

Would I read more books by this author....
Yes!! I would!!!

ARC provided for an honest review

-Michelle

Sandra Curney says

As an Army wife I knew that this would be an emotional read for me. Avery and Carters love for each other is so deep and fierce. But in one split second Avery's life would change forever. Remy is Carters best friend. Avery, Carter and Remy are a family. When Carter is KIA, Avery and Remy are destroyed. This book had me ugly crying, like I couldn't stop crying for a very long time. I had to walk away for a few hours to calm down. I finished this story with such love in my heart for these two. Grief has no time limit. It doesn't say when its ok to move on and love again. If I could I would give this story 10 stars.

The Hive says

Bee's Review

My emotions were all over the place when reading this book. Jude did an amazing job in setting the tone and pulling the reader right inside the story . I've never really been one for reading books with a Solider element, only because I'm a wuss when it comes to the emotion in them. I'm glad I snapped up the chance to read this little gem, though.

It centers around three close friends, Avery, Carter and Remy. Carter and Avery are very much in love and are about to get married. They met in the army, but Avery has since left. Carter has to go back on tour with Remy, shortly after the wedding.

The heart break begins when Carter is killed in action. When Remy returns he and Avery lean on each other to try and heal from the loss of Carter.

What follows is an emotional and beautiful love story. Remy has always loved Avery from the moment he met her, but knew Carter had been the one that captured her heart. Now, as they lean on each other, feelings begin to develop.

This book is told in a few different point of views, and I loved that. You really get inside off the characters minds, and it only added to the emotion of this story.

Now, you know I'm not one for giving everything away, but if you like your stories emotional and beautifully told, grab a copy of Lost Dreams today. You won't regret it.

Rating:

4 honey pots

♥?Melanie says

Very sweet yet heartbreakingly read.

Nicole says

Very emotional and even more heartbreakingly is that we get Carter's POV. The end is more sweet but the Liam plot is unnecessary.

Michelle Ferrari-Johnson says

This is a powerful and emotional story! PTSD is accurately portrayed and one of the many reasons why you will need tissues at hand. I have not read anything by Jude Ouvrard before but I am going to be looking into more of her books.

Very intense emotions and strength both given and shared by the main characters. Once your emotions are snagged inside you won't want to put this book down~

Coco.V says

?FREE on Amazon today (8/24/2018)!?

Ariadna Basulto says

reviewed from audiobook

Avery and Carter are about to get married when he finds out he, along with his best friend Remy, is getting deployed. Shortly after Carter is killed in action leaving Avery and Remy broken-hearted and picking up the pieces of what was once their life. Jude Ouvrard does such an amazing job of making all the emotions spill out of the pages. Avery and Remy's pain and loss is palpable and had me tearing up more than a few times. I quickly found myself emotionally invested in their relationship and rooted for them to be able to work past their guilt and demons so they could finally find their happily ever after. The twists and turns in the story kept me glued to my earbuds and on the edge of my seat to find out how everything would resolve itself.

Lost Dreams is such a tragically beautiful second chance romance. This story is such an emotional roller coaster, but absolutely worth the ride.

Narration by Reagan West was beautiful. She does a great job of voicing each character and managing to give each of them their own distinct voice. She brings all the emotions to life so well that her performance had me reaching for a box of tissues more than a few times. I look forward to more of her narrations. 5 Stars.

Mia Catherine says

This book has a lot of telling but very little showing. Disappointing, because the subject matter had the potential to be a riveting story. Unfortunately, I didn't connect with any of the characters because things felt very superficial.

Tami Adams says

REVIEW - ★★★★☆

I volunteered to review this book without any promises about the review (the rating or the posting).

I've read Jude's books in the past, including this one. I fell in love with Avery and was so excited to hear her words in her "own" voice. The audio version was just as beautiful as I imagined it would be.

The following is my personal opinion and thoughts about many aspects of this book and its author.

COVER: ★★★★☆ - I'm unsure if Jude wrote the characters based off the models, but they are exactly how I felt they should look. I'm so happy to see Jude didn't do the typical 1/2 naked embracing couple as some authors would have for a contemporary romance. This cover matches perfectly due to the emotions and inner thoughts by the main characters. Congrats!

PLOT: ★★★★☆ - Avery is a retired soldier and newly married woman who deals with the separation from her husband, Carter, and their best friend, Remy. While overseas Carter is killed in action in front of Remy. Both Avery and Remy share the grief and heartache that comes along with the loss. However, Remy harbors a long kept secret that under any other circumstances would've gone to his grave. How will they both cope with the loss and the soon to be discovered knowledge that Remy has loved Avery for years?

WRITING STYLE: ★★★★☆ - Being French Canadian, Jude's second language is English. However, you would never guess since her style outranks many authors out there. She isn't overly descriptive in settings, but she definitely makes up for it in the emotional department. She makes it very easy to love and hate her characters.

CHARACTERS: ★★★★☆ - Avery is so easy to fall in love with. She's sweet and caring. Having been in the military for years, she's become more comfortable in army fatigues than in dresses. Through this book Avery is put through a roller coaster of emotions while learning how to live a civilian life. It's easy to laugh and cry when thinking about her.

NARRATOR: ★★★★☆ - I'm only giving Reagan 4 stars because I've read the book prior to it being an audio. I had it in my head how the emotions surrounding Carter's death should sound like. Unfortunately I didn't truly believe Reagan's performance. I'm unsure if it was actually her performance or just because I

had it so highly built up in my mind. But, unfortunately it did lack for me. Don't get me wrong...Reagan was awesome in the changing up with the different characters and is truly gifted. And the rest of the book was extremely well executed. I will be looking for more books narrated by her.

Remy is the second main character. He's been Avery's best friend for years. He's loyal and willing to do anything for Avery. After the death of Avery's husband and his best friend, he helps her to pick up the pieces while also grieving. His strength of character and caring nature is something that Avery needs to help her move past Carter's death and learn to live again.

OVERALL FLOW: ★★★★★ - The overall flow of the book was relaxed and inviting. I loved Reagan's take on all the characters. She definitely was able to bring them to life as I had always hoped (since the first time I read the book).

If you are looking for a book with heart and soul-breaking emotions...well I highly recommend you grab your own copy. And be ready for a couple ugly cries in there too.

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BooksandBeyondFiftyShades says

When Carter is killed in combat, Avery and his shattered best friend Remy, gravitate together,.

This was a really wonderful book about love, friendship, unbearable loss and finding new love. Carter, Avery and Remy had been friends for 10 years and they all served in the Army together. So naturally they had an extremely close bond.

Carter and Avery fell in love and finally got married. Two days after the wedding Carter and Remy are deployed as they are both in the Special Forces. Avery was retired from the military due to an injury.

They were to only be gone six months and then Carter was coming home to his new wife, whom he missed with every fiber of his being. Unfortunately fate had different plans. Remy had to come home alone and he wanted to be the one to pass along the heartbreak news to Avery, Carter's wife and the girl he had been in love with himself for 10 years.

Naturally their bond grew stronger due to their shared grief. Then Remy was deployed again and Avery was left torn between her intense grief over losing Carter and her growing feelings for Remy. Then Remy is injured in the line of duty and in truly opens Avery's eyes to the fact that she can't live without him.

I had my moments where I thought their relationship was moving too fast but then I would think about the fact that they had known each other for so many years and had been through so many things together. Plus, you can't decide who you fall in love with or how fast that happens.

I had a few moments when reading this book that I had to stop and try and gather my emotions because you

could just feel the pain from everyone involved. This was a great book and I would recommend this to many people

Shanna Parazoo says

I have never cried so much reading a book

Stephanie says

Wow this story was so sweet and beautiful and sad. I love you Jude and so proud of you. I loved the connection that Ave and Remy shared I know its crazy but I could feel it even before. Carter was a wonderful guy and he really loved her. And all the other characters in this book were amazing. I am in awww of you right this moment can't wait for more from you my friend. <3

Cyndi Hackett says

Very sweet, touching romantic read. I liked that I got a chance to hear the thoughts of all the characters in the story. I so enjoyed this sweet story about getting a second chance at love.

Michelle says

This book brought so many emotions out of me.
I was happy, sad, (well.. A crying mess!!...lol)
It was just a good book!!!

Avery, Carter, & Remy will stay with me for a while!!
