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Love Isn't a Battle...

Kit Bolanger, ex-spec ops soldier, has followed the trail of an international drug lord back to his childhood town, the one place he swore never return to. He and his team of terrorist hunters are the only thing standing between the town's residents and the evil threatening them. It doesn't help to know that she's here—the woman who betrayed his trust and shredded his heart.

...It's a War and He's Offering No Quarter

Deciding to put roots down, Ivy Banks has brought her daughter home to the sleepy ranching community of Wolf Creek Bend, Wyoming—the one place where she was certain she'd never run into her high school flame. But he's back, fighting a global enemy and home-grown terrorists in a hidden war that puts their lives and their hearts in jeopardy. He was bad news in high school, and he's even worse news now.

Surrendering to him is not an option...but it's the only thing he'll accept.

## **Honor Unraveled Details**

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## From Reader Review Honor Unraveled for online ebook

### Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says

This series is great! I highly recommend Levine's Red Team to those who enjoy a good suspenseful romance with Alpha men and military type settings. I will say though that this is not a stand alone. A lot of conspiracy and bad guys ties into this town and into the lives of the men on the Red Team so it helps to start with book one and learn the players in the game!

This is Kit Bolanger's story. From prior reads we know he is back in Wyoming, in his home town, with his team and that Ivy his childhood love is there raising his 12 yr old daughter. Now that the terrorist sect has been exposed the violence is escalating and Kit has to protect what is his at all costs. Ivy is his and he spends the entire book trying to convince her of that! He was forced to leave her at 16 and pregnant to a hard cruel life without family support. She blames him for leaving her...unbeknownst to her that he came back for her, wrote to her and never stopped looking for her.

Although this is not my fave book so far, I am a huge Kit fan! He is bold, brazen and sexy as hell. Ivy on the other hand is a bit taxing...I mean come on lady...u like having hot monkey sex with my Kit but u keep going out with other men! Wtf! it takes major drama and Kit finally letting you go before you decide its ok to be with him! shame on you...I was sold when he said "i eat people like you for breakfast!"

Again, good series. There are so many good secondary characters! Val is crazy hot and flirtatious. The new Red Team member and only female Selena is badass, and its looking like she might give Owen something to think about. I am patiently waiting though for Kelan to finally make Fiona his completely! There is so much more to this series!

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### Dee Haddrill says

I'm not a big fan of second chance romances, but this one worked. It could be because it's the third book in the Red Team series and Kit has been such an important character from the get-go. The intriguing suspense continues and it's fun to work out who you think each team member will end up with. The romance is sweet, the love scenes steamy... A very good series and I am hanging out for the luscious Max's story next.

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### D.B. Reynolds says

3.5 stars Not the best of the series, but a good read.

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### Keri says

3.5 Stars. Ivy got on my nerves the way she couldn't stop blaming Kit for the past. The next couple set ups look interesting. Selena and Owen??? talking about explosive! I wonder who is gonna wear the pants in that family?? Right now my bet is on Selena. :-)

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### **Dee says**

Two-haiku review:

He fathered her child  
Searched for her--she thought he left  
Now all in danger

Continuation  
Must read series in order  
Unresolved issues

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### **Darcy says**

I would have liked this one better had Ivy not been so focused on how her life was so bad for so many years, when at the heart of things she was the one that caused it. She went away, she didn't look for Kit, she made the choice for years to keep Kit away from their child. Once Kit was aware of Casey, he stepped up to support both of them financially, even thought it had been over 5 years, and then let them live their lives, giving Ivy what she had wanted.

I hated how Ivy, brought into the compound for protection, still went about her life dating other men. Nice way to twist the knife a little more. They guys had to check out these guys, then Kit would have to watch them pick up Ivy and go on their date.

I did love the scenes where Kit got to know his daughter, most were sweet, but some were harrowing, at least for Kit, like when Casey got her period and only her dad was around, funny!

There were parts of this one that seemed to come out of left field, the WKB, which I had thought was a militia group, now it is a motorcycle club. Also the mythical man "King", I don't remember him being mentioned before, but now he is a major player that might have close ties to the group. I also felt like the town did a 180 compared to how they were in the past and even the last book.

So even with my issues with this book I will keep reading the series. I look forward to seeing where things go with the team.

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### **Barbara Ann says**

Honor Unraveled is the third book in Elaine Levine's Red Team series, an exciting special-ops romantic suspense. I started this series last year when I downloaded the first book, The Edge of Courage (Red Team #1,) as an Amazon freebie. Needless, to say, I was hooked. Levine knows how write romantic suspense novels that have just the right blend of swoon-worthy romance and dangerous suspenseful scenes to maintain my interest and pique my curiosity about what's to come.

Levine has the ability to create compelling heroes who are fierce protectors of their loved ones and who are willing to sacrifice their lives to save others.

The heroes in this series are far from perfect; their insecurities and past traumas force them to deal with inner demons that thus far have kept them from finding personal happiness. The female protagonists they fall for challenge, support, and deeply love them.

This series focuses on a team of former members of the elite Red Team, a covert military force within the U.S. Army. Now, working in the private sector, they have joined forces with the FBI and Homeland Security to track down an active terrorist group in the U.S. run by an Afghan drug lord. These terrorists have strong ties to a regional white supremacist group called the White Kingdom Brotherhood who distribute their drugs brought into the U.S.

After reading Honor Unraveled, I can see that Levine has created a complex, well-planned plot that increasingly becomes more intricate as it unfolds with each romantic story. This is a series that must be read in sequence and the storylines of characters featured in previous books continue to develop.

The main romance in this story occurs between Kit and his high school girlfriend, Ivy. The Prologue provides a solid foundation for establishing the current tension between Kit and Ivy. Their romance ended when Ivy's parents forced their separation. Yet, they are forever bound by their daughter, Casey. Hurts from the past continue to keep them apart until Ivy and Casey become targets for Kit's enemies. Kit forces them to stay at the team's newly forged compound to keep them safe. Ivy wants nothing more to do with Kit and is determined to move on with her life, yet Kit is determined to win her back, or at least do everything possible to determine if their relationship is salvageable.

So far, Ivy is the one protagonist in this series that I didn't really connect with or particularly like.

Her indifference to Kit and her reluctance to let him play a more integral role in their lives did not seem fully justified. Yes, I understand that she felt abandoned by Kit when they were teenagers, but he didn't leave her by choice. Her parents played the biggest role in keeping them apart.

Ivy blames Kit for not finding her sooner, but she never bothered to look for him either. When he does learn that Ivy has returned to Wolf Creek and they have a daughter, he does everything he can to make sure they are financially supported. He is always watching out for their well-being even though Ivy hasn't always been aware of it. Kit now looks back and thinks he was a coward for keeping his distance from them, but I never saw any indication that Ivy tried to encourage him to be more active in Casey's life. Casey has spent the past twelve years of her life thinking her father didn't want her, and I don't think Ivy ever did anything to make her think otherwise.

As a result, I didn't really root for them to reunite as strongly as I have with the other couples featured. I like the angle Levine takes with story, showing that love can endure, no matter the obstacles or passage of time. I

just didn't feel that "wow" with them as a couple. There are some brief flashbacks about their time together in high school, but I think if I had been given more vivid memories showing how they fell in love, I may have better understood why Ivy is the only woman Kit can ever love. Levine's beautiful metaphors and imagery to describe Kit's feelings for Ivy do make me believe his love and concern for her is genuine and not generated by a sense of obligation.

Kit is a wonderful hero and his love for his daughter is touching. My favorite scene is when he tries to comfort Casey as she experiences an important first—the transition to womanhood. An awkward, potentially embarrassing situation only forges a closer, stronger bond between father and daughter.

Kit grew up with a single mother who neglected him and he has always had to deal with feelings of being unwanted and unloved. That's what he wants so desperately from Ivy and Casey.

I could understand his pain, and Ivy's coldness toward him through much of the book only magnified his insecurities. I just didn't feel her yearning and love for Kit.

On a positive note, however, she does redeem herself, in my eyes, when she makes a sincere apology to Kit for all that she has put through over the years. Furthermore, in the latter part of the book, I did start to see more of depth in her love for Kit and her desire for them to be a family, no matter that being with him will keep them from living, normal, safe lives.

As with the previous two books, Levine continues to write intense, sensual love scenes in the midst of ongoing action and suspense. In this book, I am also glad to see the development of other characters, such as Owen and Max, who will play more prominent roles as the story continues. Levine also creates new story threads that thicken the plot and create more mysteries to be solved. An unexpected but intriguing twist is the introduction of a seemingly peaceful separatist group called the Friendship Community who have become part of this sinister network of antagonists.

She also adds the one and only female Red Team member, Selena, to the mission, who is as fierce a warrior as the men.

Her run-ins with Owen have already created tension and make me wonder about the future of their relationship.

One disappointment I had with this story is that I had hoped the surprising cliffhanger ending from the second book revolving around Ty and his father would get resolved. I expected Ty to continue his active investigation to learn more about his father, but I didn't see any development of this subplot. However, I anticipate that it will get resolved at some point as its importance to the overall plot is exposed.

Overall, I enjoyed how the book ended. It left me satisfied until the next book is released, which I hope won't be too long. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that it will feature Kellen and Fiona's story.

I received an advanced copy of this book from the author to provide honest feedback as a beta reader.

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### **Ann says**

3.5 stars. This is a great series. Bk 3 started off well, but I wasn't happy with Ivy and her wishy-washy "I want him, I need to date to be sure" attitude. Kit/Ivy were together in high school before they were torn apart. Poor Kit had a rough childhood and Ivy is his all. Ivy's pregnant (16 yrs) and Kit (18 yrs) is dragged off to the military (rather than jail) when her dad accuses Kit of statutory rape. The sheriff figures the military is a better alternative than jail time. Their daughter is now 12 yrs old and Ivy runs the diner in town. There were plenty of dramatic misunderstandings in the years between but in the present Kit's trying to keep Ivy and their daughter, Casey, in his life but Ivy's resistant. Amir and the biker gang are still around from bks 1 & 2 stirring up trouble so Ivy/Casey have now been moved to the mansion (Blade's place)/Red Team headquarters so the Red Team can keep them out of harm's way.

Liked Kit. He's struggling learning to be a dad to a daughter he barely knows and trying to warm his way back into Ivy's heart. Had to be tough for alpha Kit after having steamy sex with Ivy to watch her go through with her dates with different guys (Ivy's got trust/security issues). Waiting for Ivy to find what he already knows....these guys are lacking. This was my least favorite bk in the series, I got tired of the back and forth with Ivy and the villain drama seemed to fizzle this time. However, this bk wasn't without it's highlights.

Always love a military/special ops romance so the Red Team guys are favorites with me, especially Val. This big, bad, commando is funny and so very attentive with the ladies, so naturally the women love him. He's often giving his fellow Red Team member's love life advice. He's a got a couple of good scenes here that were the grins. This series always has some humor and a coming of age scene with Kit/Casey was sweet, awkward, funny and endearing. While this wasn't my favorite bk, I did love catching up with the guys and it was still entertaining enough not to put down. Definitely keeps me looking forward to what's up next for bk 4's starring couple.

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### **Sheryl says**

**Please pardon my language, but I BLOODY F\*\*KING LOVED THIS!!!! MY GAWD... I must admit I had forgotten a bit about my boys from Red Team, so it was AWESOME catching up with them. And this, the story of Kit \*SWOON\* and Ivy was most definitely a 5 star read!!! Cannot wait for the NEXT Red Team book, Ms. Levine!!! All I can say, is KEEP 'EM COMING :)**

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### **Redheads Review it Better says**

I love, love, love Elaine's Red Team series and could not wait to get my hands on this one! I get completely sucked into her books. And how can I not when she is writing about sexy, alpha, military men??? I'm putty in her hands and she knows it. :)

The story is picked up right at the end of the second in the series, Shattered Valor, so if you haven't read any

of my previous reviews on this series, it is imperative to read the other two so you are not lost. And don't worry, they kick ass!! Like I said, it picks up right where it ends in the second book. Kit and Ivy reconnect but not in a very good way. The international drug lords that the team is chasing has led them to Kit's hometown where Ivy never expected to see him. Ever. To make matters worse, because Kit is in the middle of all this, it puts Ivy and their daughter, Casey, in danger and are forced to leave their home to stay with the team where they will be safe. On top of the sexual tension radiating off the two old high school flames, throw in a couple obstacles and an eery and quite scary situation Casey finds herself in, this story is full of action and intrigue. My house was neglected and my boys are lucky they got fed because I was completely sucked in.

I am waiting on pins and needles for the next in the series. The supporting characters are beyond awesome and there are a certain male and female I can't wait read their HEA. :)

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### **D.R. says**

I really liked the first book in this series. The second book was okay. But this book left me... unsatisfied. Kit was suppose to be a Red Team leader. But when it came to his relationship with Ivy, he was anything but. Ivy was conflicted as well and stayed in her confused head space for WAY too long into the story. Shit or get off the pot. Seriously.

And having everybody's parents be total bastards is just over the top. Yes, I know not every parental unit is a good one. But sheesh, there weren't even indifferent ones in this book. They were all users, abusers and the most terrible parents on the face of the planet. Which, btw, is totally not realistic. In RL, there are some great parents, decent to okay parents, crappy parents and then people who should have never been allowed to procreate.

I think that was my main problem with book. Too many things that were not realistic. I get this is fiction, but a lot of the story was based on stuff that just isn't reflective of life in America today. It began with Ivy supposedly living in her parents car for 3 years. Which is like... come on now. What parent kicks their 16-17 year old daughter out of the house for getting pregnant and having a baby but also gives her the family car to live in? And then three years later, somehow they get in contact and then the parents demand the car back? Really? Umm, yeah no.

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### **Paganalexandria says**

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### **Reen says**

Kit and Ivy were high school sweethearts in a small town. He gets run out of town and into the army when Ivy gets pregnant at 16. He is told she lost the baby and her family moved away so he kept his distance. Ivy left her parents when they refused to accept her and her child and makes a life for her and her daughter on her own. My only complaint with this book was that Ivy was strong enough to raise Casey on her own and be

successful but couldn't face her feelings for Kit and decide if she wanted to be with him. Great second chance romance and lots of suspense and intrigue on the team front. This series must be read in order.

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### **Mei says**

I like this series and I liked this book.

Obviously, giving it 4 stars there were things that bothered me... \*wink\*

I didn't like Ivy character very much... I understand that she's wounded, that she has to raise a child alone and shunned, but I didn't get why she rejected Kit so much when she got the whole story.

Kit too has his faults. I didn't get why he didn't go after Ivy when she was thrown out by her parents and when he found that they had a child together.

I also found very annoying Ivy insistence to date even after she and Kit slept together and he confessed that he wants to be part of their life permanently.

Other than this the book is good and interesting. I liked meeting all the characters from the previous books again and finding out what happened to them.

I will be glad reading other books of this series! :D

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### **Michelle K says**

The 3rd book. Couldn't wait to read it.

<http://anotherlookbookreviews.blogspot.com>

I love this series. Honor Unraveled is the 3rd book in the Red Team series and they are not stand alone books. It had been only a short while since I finished book 2 and I still needed a refresher on who was who in the story. It didn't take long but if you are picking up Honor Unraveled for the first time without reading the first two books, my guess is that you'd be very confused. I am still confused with the cowboy themed book covers. These stories are not cowboyish in the slightest.

Of the three books, Honor Unraveled was my least favourite. Not that I didn't like it because I did. I couldn't wait to dive into the story because the author, Elaine Levine had done a great job setting up Kit and Ivy in the previous stories. I love a story where the couple have a history attached and Ivy and Kit's background go all the way to when they were teens.

Honor Unraveled continues to give the readers snippets and a great lead-way into the next exciting book. The characters are nicely set up and I am already excited to read the fourth book whenever it comes out next.

The story-line is not as suspenseful as I was hoping but there is definitely a great story here. There is a whole lot going on with this Red Team but it is fairly easy to keep track of all the swirling plots. I also love that there are more than one story being told. The plot is growing bigger and bigger and the big bad villain is yet to be revealed Love it!

The secondary cast continues to interest me and I eagerly await their stories.

Why I didn't love Honor Unraveled as much as the other two books is that Kit and Ivy were beginning to get on my nerves. Ivy took a really long time to dwell on the past and when she finally was coming around, Kit decides to do what Ivy was afraid of all along and send her and their daughter away. It was near the end of the book and I am sure I grunted in frustration at that point. So cliche and I knew it was coming. I was just hoping the story wouldn't go there.

A new character, Selena was introduced. Why do bad ass heroines have to be big bitches? I couldn't stand her. There are a number of super cool bad ass heroines that don't have this major "alpha man" thing going on. I can name a number of tough women in fiction that are a part of all men teams that don't come across so aggressive and with an attitude the side of Mt Everest. A woman can be capable without having to be over the top tough. She can be really smart and a great fighter without the attitude.

The other element of Honor Unraveled that made me cringe was the constant bad parenting. In the first two stories I understood how crucial the bad parenting was to the plot but I felt that Ivy's situation with her parents was a huge leap. Not to sure about Ivy having to live in a car (for 3 years) and then having to give the car back to her parents. I get that her parents were not happy about her teen pregnancy and perhaps some parents would kick their daughter out but government agencies can step in to help. I wanted to just go with it but it was a big leap to go with.

Teasers: tearful graduation, three date try, cool ghost town, awesome town fight

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