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COMPANION NOVEL TO BRIDGE OVER THE ATLANTIC

Love is like a snowflake; beautiful but fleeting in its presence...

I've been in love. But I've also been lied to, betrayed by those closest to me and I've suffered loss. Sadly it's those last three things that stick with me the most. The only real constants in my life are music, Angus my dog and Rhiannon; my guitar.

But things changed when she walked into my place of work. All blue eyes, curves and a warmth that could melt even my hardened heart. I was taken over by feelings that I didn't expect so soon. Guilt plagued me and I took my anger out on her.

On Mallory.

But I fell fast and hard and there was nothing I could do to stop it. When she too became the victim of heartbreak I was the only one who understood her pain but I was the last person she wanted help from.

Would I ever convince her that we could be friends? And would I ever accept that she couldn't love me back?

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From Reader Review Bridge of Hope for online ebook

Kim says

This is a companion novel to Bridge over the Atlantic and it is suggesting that you read the first one to get the full 'experience'. It gives Greg's point of view and was requested by her fans.

It's an amusing book and makes you smile and laugh aloud in places. The characters are great- so well rounded and interesting.

Greg was in grieving and when he met Mallory he was really taken with her. He makes mistakes with his relationship- he's not perfect! But you get to understand his heartbreak and why he is struggling emotionally. I would highly recommend this one.

Many thanks to the publisher and Net Galley for a copy.

Erin says

Thanks to NetGalley for a copy in exchange for my honest review.

While the book was kinda slow in the beginning, it was nice to have a male perspective in the usually female type of book.

I saw after I read it that this is Greg's perspective and there is a first book in Mallory's point of view, which I think might have been helpful to read prior.

Kimberly Carrington-Fox says

Siempre que leo una historia contada desde un único punto de vista suelo tener mucho interés por conocer el otro de vista. Y muchas veces conocerlo es quitarle encanto a la historia original (ay Kellan...). Pues si ya la historia original no me hizo mucha gracia, ni os cuento.

El único interés que tenía aquí era conocer más a Greg, el principal atractivo del primer libro. Es verdad que ya ahí parecía un moñas encantador y, efectivamente, lo es. Bastante moñas, de hecho.

Al ser la misma historia, arrastra los mismos fallos de la primera (tantas idas y venidas, tantas lágrimas...).

Puede que a quien le guste una historia dulce y emotiva le guste este libro. A mí me gusta la emotividad sin que lluevan flores de cerezo (es un decir porque es algo que pasa en muchos animes y siempre lo asocio a moñismos) ni se esté llorando cada dos por tres al expresar los sentimientos, que es lo que pasa aquí.

Lo mejor es la primera parte, cuando Greg conoce a Mallory, los sentimientos que le provoca... Pero vamos, que ya sabes lo que va a pasar y el libro no te da ninguna sorpresa.

Un libro simplón y que no destaca especialmente por nada. La historia podría haber dado para mucho más.

Lusie says

This is a wonderful story about grieving and the slow journey of finding happiness again. It's refreshing to have a male point of view for a romantic book. The characters are so realistic and showed character development. You can't help but like Greg even though is rough and grumpy. I really enjoyed this book and will certainly read more books by this author.

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Your Favorite Book Corner Blog says

Note: I was a beta reader for for this book and received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

When I started this book, I honestly thought how can you read a book that you have pretty much already read just from a different person's point of view? But, as I read, I began to understand. Bridge of Hope is told through Greg's thoughts and his point of view. Sometimes brash and never filtered, as that is how Greg is, the reader gets the "other side" that we didn't get in Bridge Over the Atlantic.

As I read Bridge Over the Atlantic I honestly found myself asking questions about what Greg did with his time while Mallory was out of town, or when she wasn't with him and he was on his own. "Bridge of Hope" answers those questions. And, just like the scene on the beach where Mallory and Greg said their goodbyes to their significant others, this book gives the reader one feeling in the end: closure.

The reader will find the full range of emotions in this book, running from laughing out loud to sentimental tears. You will find yourself feeling for Greg, pulling for him. Although I essentially knew how the book would end, it was interesting to see how the author, Lisa J. Hobman, would write it so that it wasn't exactly like the first book. Even though some of the same conversations were included (they were the best lines of the first book) others were summarized. Hobman did an excellent job writing this book and I would suggest this book to anyone who wants to read a love story from a male's point of view. **Note:I would strongly suggest reading Bridge Over the Atlantic first, as Bridge of Hope is the companion book. **

JoAnn says

A Year of Finding Happiness is a very well written novel. I enjoyed the plot and the well developed characters. This author is new to me and I enjoyed her writing. I have not read the previous book and that didn't cause any problems with following the story. I highly recommend this book

The Hopeless Romantics Book Blog says

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Please do not read this review if you have not read "Bridge Over The Atlantic".

"Bridge Over The Atlantic" was such a beautiful, emotional read and definitely one that captured my heart. Now in "Bridge of Hope", not only did I get the chance to re-visit the story but it also gave me a chance to learn about Greg's life before Mallory came along.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. I loved having the opportunity to really get to know Greg. To be honest, when I first met him, I wasn't overly keen, my first impressions not that great. Greg came across as short tempered, bad mannered and extremely grumpy! As "Bridge Over The Atlantic" progressed I did begin to warm to him, however because I had already fallen for Sam at the beginning of the story, I found it difficult to take to Greg. My heart belonged to Sam and I was not ready to move on! LOL.

Now that my heart has recovered, it was time for me to give Greg a fair chance. In this story, I felt that I truly got to know the real him and I was pleasantly surprised at how much I liked him. I discovered that behind that grumpy exterior was a deeply emotional, sensitive and vulnerable man. Who would have thought it! Not me, that's for sure!

We were a pair of broken souls with pieces missing and neither of us truly knew if the holes inside us would ever heal.

Finally I felt there was a place in my heart for Greg. I loved this softer side to him and I loved how crazy he was about Mallory. It was definitely love at first sight for him.

In that moment, I knew that I would do anything to help her find happiness. Even if it wasn't with me.

Even though I knew that eventually Greg would get his girl, I still found myself feeling sorry for him as he spent many weeks pining for her. Poor guy!

She had come along and saved me. I wanted to save her too.

I felt that this book was a perfect companion novel and I wish that I had re-read "Bridge Over The Atlantic" again before reading this one. If you have the time, I would definitely recommend doing this.

I am so glad that Lisa decided to give Greg his own book allowing me to see him in a totally different light. The author has truly written a brilliant addition to the first book. This is a must read for all fans of "Bridge Over The Atlantic" You will not be disappointed!

***In my heart I held onto the wish that someday the bridge could become more than a sad memory. More than somewhere to cry.
I wanted, more than anything, for it to become her bridge of hope.***

"Bridge of Hope" gets 4 Hearts from me!

Adele says

I was supplied with an arc of this ebook from the publishers for an honest review.

Firstly, I must say I was so excited when I received this beta ebook I was giddy with anticipation, only true book fans would understand this emotion.

When Lisa announced on her fb page she was going to write a further book to coincide with Bridge over the Atlantic but in Greg's POV it created great excitement with her fans.

After finishing reading this beta book I wasn't disappointed. Greg's character is just brilliant. He's a man's man and also has such passion and emotion that women can't help falling for. I got emotional on many times reading this book. I could feel my heart breaking a few times for both Greg and Mallory and also Sam. This book has it all. Great character, great setting, great storyline full of warmth, humour, sadness, love and passion. Its a real page turner.

The book could be a stand alone but to thoroughly experience the emotions from all the characters it's advisable to read Bridge Over the Atlantic first.

Brilliant book, well done Lisa.

P.S. I think you should write for a Scottish tourist board as you make Scotland sound so idyllic.

Tasha Williams (Red's Midnight Readers) says

...Reviewed for Red's Midnight Readers...:

I received an advanced copy of A year of Finding Happiness via Net Galley and I have given it 5 stars.

I LOVE Greg!!! Each time I meet him, I fall a little but more in love with his character. He's far from perfect, he's a man with Demons in his past that threaten to derail his future if he doesn't face them head on and with the help of Mallory, he does just that! Slowly piecing his life back together and finding happiness in the least likely of places.

As with all Lisa J. Hobman books she broke my heart into a million tiny pieces and then slowly pieced it back together one by one as Mallory and Greg found their way through their grief together.

There is always an air of believability to Lisa J. Hobman's books, aided by the use of rich and vivid descriptions of absolutely stunning locations. Her characters are always so real with actual flaws, that make them incredibly easy to relate to. Lisa really is a talented author.

This is not a light-hearted summer read per say, it's raw, it's turbulent and it's emotional. Lisa will have you reaching for the tissues on more than one occasion.

Again Lisa has created yet another beautifully written story that had me laughing and crying right along with these beloved characters.

Sam McCarthy says

I was lucky enough to receive an advance beta copy of this book...the companion novel to Lisa's first book Bridge over the Atlantic.

I was really pleased that Lisa decided to write this, from Gregs pov. Greg is everyones favourite potty mouthed scotsman and he just HAD to tell his story.

It is a beautiful story too.... with heartaches, laughter, romance all thrown in.

The way he struggles with his feelings when Mallory first walks into that bar.... I think we have all been there st some point or another in our lives.

Once again, Lisa draws you in to Gregs thoughts and feelings in a way that has you believeing you are right there in his world.

A standalone novel, this can be read by itself, but if you havent read Bridge over the Atlantic I would recommend that you do to get the full experience.

Absolutely recommended 5* read :D

Fiona Wilson says

I loved the authors book Bridge over the Atlantic and couldn't wait to read the story from Greg's point of view. I wasn't disappointed!

I thought I knew Greg from the first book, but boy was I wrong. His sense of humour is brilliant in this book, he is laugh out funny much of it! The way he berates himself for saying things which upset Mallory is just so well done.

This book didn't affect me emotionally as much as BOTA did but in a way it was nice to read it without crying.

Lisa's writing is just spot on, she conveys the story we all know and love in a totally different way it seemed at times I was reading a story I hadn't read before, rather than a companion to a book I know. For an author to pull that off says a lot about their writing.

A great book and a definite must read for fans of BOTA.

Paula Pugh says

This is a lovely and touching story of a man's journey back to wholeness from the lingering grief caused by his fiancé's untimely death. Greg McBradden suffers from nightmares of the loss of his love, Mairi, who died while climbing K2 and is dragged back into the memory by continued contact by her father on updates of belongings that are found a year later.

Greg finds himself drawn to Mallory Westerman, a recent resident of his town, and is fighting deeply embedded feelings of being a traitor to Mairi's memory. Mallory who suffers from her own recent loss of her fiancé draws Greg out of his remorse into the light of life. Things do not run smoothly for them as they must find their path to a life together or fall apart.

Nessa says

Note to readers, before you read this book I highly recommend that you read *A Seaside Escape* first which is the companion novel to this one. In the story *A Seaside Escape*, you read all about Mallory's story and that is also where you first meet Greg.

This latest book *A Year of Finding Happiness* is the same story in part but it is told from Greg's point of view and you also discover his history and the experiences/journeys that he went through.

This was lovely read with a whole mixture of emotions from sad, joyous, heart breaking and happiness. It really was an all round emotional read.

It really was interesting getting to know Greg through his version of events, and boy does he like to swear a lot, even if he doesn't mean too lol. His passion and knowledge of music was astounding, thanks to him I've even discovered some new songs to listen to.

What I really loved about this book was the ultimate ending, I can't say anymore than that as I wouldn't want to risk giving any spoilers away.

So bottom line, if your looking for a heartfelt, emotional, funny and entertaining read then I recommend that you read both books mentioned above.

Lisa says

This book has a very special place in my heart. The reason? Because following one small blog post in which I wrote a scene in Greg's POV I had such an amazing response from readers asking for more. So this book is dedicated to those people and written at their request <3

Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

This is Greg's story from *Bridge Over The Atlantic*. Although the story is the same, Greg's story is embellished by his past, we learn so much more about Greg in this book and makes you understand why he was a grumpy arse in the beginning. I loved seeing his POV and made me understand and love him all the more.

Another beautiful and poignant read from Lisa J Hobman. I have been on a bit of a Hobman marathon and have totally fallen in love with this authors voice. This is a book about loss, grief and unrequited love but at the end there is always hope. (full review to come)

