## **APPENDIX I**

## BIOGRAPHY

Caroline Roberts is a novelist living in Northumberland, United Kingdom. She likes to write about women's emotional fiction that tells about love, relationships, betrayal and others. My Summer of Magic Moments novel is her novel that published in June 2017. This novel was chosen as the Contemporary Romantic Novel Award in 2018 which was held on March 5, 2018 at Gladstone Library in London.

Beside to My Summer of Magic Moments, Caroline Robert's other novels include; The Cosy Teashop in the Castle (2016), The Cosy Christmas Teashop (2016), The Cosy Christmas Teashop (2017), The Cosy Seaside Chocolate Shop (2018), Rachel's Pudding Pantry (2019), Christmas at Rachel's Pudding Pantry (2019), Summer at Rachel's Pudding Pantry (2020).

This novel is special for Caroline because it reminds us that we can still return to learn and appreciate the simple but special and beautiful moments of life. This novel tells about love and loss but in the end everything still has hope.

## APPENDIX II

## **SYNOPSIS**

Claire is a journalist for a newspaper named the Herald. She is spending three weeks of her vacation in a cottage in Bamburgh with beautiful sea views and fresh air. Even though the place is a bit old-fashioned, but that is not so important to Claire, what she needs is rest for everything she has gone through.

It was Friday at six a.m. Claire is watching the sun rise in the North Sea, a peaceful place, with several seagulls flying in the sky. Suddenly she hears the sound of a door closing and makes the balcony tremble a little. She holds her cup to keep it from spilling. There is a man who comes out from the cottage next door. Claire looks at the man, he walked towards the beach. He was tall, has broad shoulders, and blond hair, pretty handsome according to Claire. With sandals, white shirts and red shorts, he looks in his thirties. When he reaches the sea, he begins to take off his shirt. Then he also takes off his pants which makes him completely naked before he finally swims in the sea. This naturally shocked Claire even though she is a little happy about this.

Breast cancer has made Claire aware of how life can be very valuable and cherish every moment. Especially little magic moments like now for example, seeing a handsome man naked. Claire begins to admire the man's athletic body, his shoulders, his chest, and his abs.

In the shower Claire begins to wash her entire body, and also her hair which was only a few strands. Chemotherapy makes her hair fall out, but now Claire is grateful that her hair has begun to grow back. After bathing, she begins to wash her body with a towel and looked at and feels the wound on her left breast. It doesn't hurt anymore, but she just feels weird about the wound. She also didn't like it there.

Claire is only 4.3 feet tall, and she thinner before she is sick. Her eyes are deep-brown, and Claire is happy because her eyelashes finally have begun to grow back. At the beginning of the holiday she is very happy because she does not have to work and does not have to fulfill appointments at the hospital. She must use her vacation time as well as possible as a means of escape.

She starts down the road along the beach. She remembers the childhood she spends there while on vacation. Her chest begins to feel tight when she begins to remember about his father who died five years ago from a heart attack. This still makes Claire sad even today. Times have changed a lot, even Claire never imagine she will have breast cancer. She is very close to her family. Her mother and sister, Sally, are very supportive during Claire's treatment period.

Claire has been married before to a man named Paul, but the marriage has to end because Paul cheats on her even before Claire was known to have breast cancer. During her life with Paul, Claire has no children. Paul also forbids Claire to have a dog because he wants that the house keeps clean and neat. In the deepest heart at that time Claire really wants a child because when she sees her sister and her two children, they look very happy and love each other. But in the end after all the events that has occurred, Claire is relieved that there are no children who need to be saddened by their separation.

From her divorce with Paul, Claire hasn't been in touch with a man for a long time. Also because of various chemotherapy routines that take up time and energy. Finally, Claire accidentally meets a neighbor who is finally known as Ed. They start kissing and want to do sex. But Claire, who is still not confident with her wounds, accidentally pushes Ed and makes things stiff. Ed then run away.

Claire felt like she has done something stupid because it made Ed feel guilty. Claire really wants that to happen, but she is afraid that Ed will feel annoyed with her scars. Claire cannot forget the incident, and also Ed. She has fallen in love with him. Then, with a series of events that happen, the relationship between Claire and Ed begin to improve again. Ed invited Claire to have dinner at his cottage, more precisely a date. Claire finally decides to be brave by telling him about her illness and it also leaving an ugly scar in her breast. Ed accepts it all and in the end everything is fine. Ed and Claire also have sex. However, in the morning when Claire wakes up, she sees a photo of Ed with a woman and also a boy. The photo is displayed on the table in the corner of the room. This certainly makes Claire angry because she thinks that Ed is just like any other jerk. When she asked, Ed does not give an explanation at all. Their relationship is broken again.

Claire's vacation for three weeks has ended. Claire returns to her home and work. During the holidays, Claire's column is filled with other journalist friends. So she made a new column called 'magic moments' where the reader can tell all the small but special moments in their lives.

Paul and Claire decide to sell their old house. This makes Claire have to move to live in a flat. Even though it isn't as big as her old house, Claire is happy with the flat. She feels that she really has to start a new life. Claire is assisted by her mother and sister to package items from her old home into her new flat Claire also makes a charity for cancer sufferers. She and her friends make the challenge of running in the mud with several obstacles. This is able to make the event success and get quite a lot of sponsors. On the way to the charity program, Claire finds another lump in her body. This really scares Claire because she doesn't want cancer and she has to do chemotherapy again. With no one knows, she finally goes to the hospital and the doctor check her condition.

While Claire is at work, a man looks for her and made the whole office look at her. The man is Ed. Then Ed and Claire sit together and Ed explains about the photo on the table. Ed claims that it is indeed his wife and child. However, they have died because of a car accident driven by Ed. Only Ed survived the accident and this makes him feel very guilty. Although already explain, but Ed and Claire do not know what they should do with their next relationship.

Ed and Claire go on with their lives. Finally the charity event is success. After that event, Claire get a call from the hospital stating that the lump is not cancer but just an infection. Claire is very happy to hear that and she begins to cry.

Claire decides to come back and spend a few days in Bamburgh with the same cottage she has rented before. In her heart she still hopes that she will meet Ed. One morning, when it is still very dark, Claire hears a very loud barking dog. It is Ed's dog. The dog gives a sign that Ed is in trouble. Then, Claire called the coast guard service to look for Ed because all she finds is his shirt. A few hours later they managed to find Ed in a very weak condition.

Claire always takes care of Ed when he is in the hospital. Claire is very worried about Ed's condition. Ed is aware that actually Claire is calling the helicopter to save him. After that incident Claire and Ed's relationship begin to improve. They discuss all their problems and find a way out. With all their pasts, they finally accepted it and formed a relationship. Shortly after, Ed proposed to Claire and they both got a happy ending.