



Introduction to Sebastian Junger. 2:05 min. Interview: Raymond Elman.
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Author, Filmmaker Sebastian Junger *Still on Track*

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SEBASTIAN JUNGER is the #1 *New York Times* Bestselling author of “**The Perfect Storm**,” “**Fire**,” “**A Death in Belmont**,” “**War**,” “**Tribe**,” and “**Freedom**.” As an award-winning journalist, a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair* and a special correspondent at ABC News, he has covered major international news stories around the world, and has received both a **National Magazine Award** and a **Peabody Award**. Junger is also a documentary filmmaker whose debut film “**Restrepo**,” a feature-length documentary (co-directed with **Tim Hetherington**), was nominated for an **Academy Award** and won the **Grand Jury Prize at Sundance**.

“Restrepo,” which chronicles the deployment of a platoon of U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan’s Korengal Valley, is widely considered to have broken new ground in war reporting. Junger has since produced and directed three additional documentaries about war and its aftermath. “Which Way Is The Front Line From Here?,” which premiered on HBO, chronicles the life and career of his friend and colleague, photojournalist Tim Hetherington, who was killed while covering the civil war in Libya in 2011. “Korengal” returns to the subject of combat and tries to answer the eternal question of why young men miss war. “The Last Patrol,” which also premiered on HBO, examines the complexities of returning from war by following Junger and three friends—all of whom had experienced combat, either as soldiers or reporters—as they travel up the East Coast railroad lines on foot as “high-speed vagrants.”

Sebastian Junger is the founder and director of Vets Town Hall.

Junger has also written for magazines including *Harper’s*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *National Geographic Adventure*, *Outside*, and *Men’s Journal*. His reporting on Afghanistan in 2000, profiling Northern Alliance leader Ahmed Shah Massoud, who was assassinated just days before 9/11, became the subject of the National Geographic documentary “Into the Forbidden Zone,” and introduced America to the Afghan resistance fighting the Taliban.

Junger lives in New York City and Cape Cod.

The videos below are organized by Success Factor, and run between 30 seconds and 5 minutes. Click on any video. You must be connected to the Internet to view the videos.

CRITICAL THINKING:

5:01 min.



What was your impetus for writing “Freedom,” and how did your vision change as the book evolved?

INSIGHT & INSPIRATION:

3:20 min.



Most of your writing observes life and death situations. What is your relationship to violence?

COLLABORATION: 0:25 sec.



Have you trained for combat?

CREATES A UNIQUE PERSONAL BRAND: 1:32 min.



Your first book, “The Perfect Storm,” was also a terrific movie starring George Clooney. When you write your books, do you simultaneously think of them as movies?

SERENDIPITY: 0:50 sec.



Which of your other books would make good movies?

SERENDIPITY: 2:08 min.



In 2020, you had a near-death experience. What happened?

RESILIENCE: 1:03 min.



Did this near-death event happen in the isolated village of Truro on the northern tip of Cape Cod?