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For the past four months, Natalie Carmichael and Nolan Young have been complete. Everything still feels right in their passion-filled world. It still feels natural - that is until Nolan's mother passes away.

Things begin to turn for the worst for Nolan and his brother Mills. After losing their father from previous years before, it's a tragedy on top of a tragedy. Along with the loss, Natalie and Nolan will face obstacles that they aren't so sure they can handle.

*From the **NY Times** and **USA Today** bestselling novel, **Hard to Resist**, Natalie and Nolan will realize that there is something in their relationship that will have them either wanting to run away or trying to stick through it.*

Will Natalie and Nolan stick together? Can they hold on to what they've worked so hard to keep going?

Love was found. Their only hope is that it never gets lost.

## Hard to Hold On Details

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# From Reader Review Hard to Hold On for online ebook

## Courtney says

I don't like this title. It makes me feel like there is going to be trouble in paradise :(

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## Cara Q says

Hard to Hold On was just not what I expected! Hard to Resist, was good, I liked it and was looking forward to the sequel, but I was very DISAPPOINTED! The back and forth, the games, the immaturity, the weak story line and lack of emotion made it impossible to like this book! I normally don't write reviews unless the book is excellent or horrible, and this one was the latter. I hate to say it, but don't waste your money. Unless of course you love feeling like a ping pong ball, back and forth, back and forth? Very disappointed needless to say!

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## Mary Tatar says

You know the feeling you have after you read a really great book. You feel all kinds of emotions and are a serious emotional wreck. Well that's how I feel after finishing Hard To Hold On by Shanora Williams. I seriously didn't want this book to end. I have grown to love Natalie and Nolan with all my heart. They have made me happy, made me cry, and yes I have been angry at them as well. In the end I am so happy I got to read their story.

This book started off amazing and the end was just as amazing. Nolan and Natalie are doing great in the very beginning of the story. There are miles separating them but it works for them, well until Nolan's Mother passes away. Not unexpectedly she was sick, but something that Nolan and his brother were not prepared for. Natalie wants to be there for Nolan and help heal his pain. She loves him with everything she is, but sometimes love just might not be enough. Nolan ends up trying his hardest to push her away. He is at his lowest and he is in pain. Pain that he isn't prepared for. He now has lost both of his parents and he isn't sure if he will ever be the man that Natalie needs. So he succeeds in pushing her away. Nolan has done a number on Natalie. She trusts and loved him. There just is no one other than Nolan for her. He really needs to get his act together and thankfully his brother knocks some sense into him. He then decides there is no way he is going to let Natalie walk out of his life. Is it too late? Has Nolan pushed her away for good? Can Natalie take anymore heartache? This girl deserves someone who will give it all to her. Nolan can be that man! I know he can! He wants to, but his past comes creeping up behind him throwing both of them for a loop. There is no other team for me but Team Nolan. I rooted for him throughout this whole story. Honestly I wasn't sure how it was gonna end. I was actually terrified!

Why did I love this story? Well it had it all love, trust, heartache, heartbreak, mystery, longing. Like I said it had it all. I love Shanora and her writing. She is so talented. This book drew me in on the first page and ended with a bang. I was so engrossed I couldn't and wouldn't put it down. Can you say book hangover anyone, well I can. I might need to start a support group. Sadly this is the end of Natalie and Nolan's story. I

look forward to reading more from Shanora. I'm positive you will love it to.

What is my recommendation? Drop what you are doing and pick this puppy up. I also suggest that if you haven't read the first book *Hard To Resist* that you are gonna want to delve into that one before *Hard To Hold On*. So go add to your tbr list or whatever you have to do to get this on your radar. I was so glad I did.

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## **Kim says**

Holy Freakin' Hell! What a total angst-fest! It was enough to make me want to pull my hair out and smash my kindle and made me stay up til almost 2 am when I have to get up for work at 5 am. Bad Bad Shanora!

This is the sequel to *Hard to Resist* and it takes place a few months after the separation of Nolan and Natalie in book one when Nolan went back to California to take care of his mom. Nolan and Nat have been apart but were doing okay, until Nolan goes through a traumatic event and Nat tries to be there for him. But now the tables are turned and Nolan is depressed, and closed off and it is Nat's turn to try to reach him.

*I don't want to hurt you, Bunny...I need space right now. I can't deal with anyone's emotions outside of my own.*

*Nolan picked me up after being hurt once before but this has just crushed me completely. My heart is bursting and the pieces are scattering throughout my entire body.*

This begins a roller coaster of miscommunication, running away, avoidance, jealousy, trouble from outside influences, fear, anger, and insecurity. It put me through the wringer! I was seriously angry at at least one characters in every part of the book! First Nolan, then Nat, then Nolan, then Tyler(the new guy), then Sharon(the ex, then Nat, and so on. Nolan and Nat drove me crazy! They just had such a hard time getting back on the same page and they have a tendency to make rash decisions, pass quick judgments, and allow insecurities to interfere. Their pasts still haunt them and have an effect on their present relationship. It was emotional whiplash with them going back and forth so much. But again, I still felt like they needed to be together.

*"We're not ending, Natalie. I don't care what I have to do to keep you, I will. I don't care what I have to go through to keep you with me. You're mine."*

There were people trying to keep them apart and friends trying to help keep them together. But through it all, I still felt that they truly loved each other, had something special, and belonged together. And they still have very hot chemistry and steamy encounters. Even though their communication skills are still seriously lacking and they both make poor choices. It was a really rough road for them.

I loved getting to see more of Harper and Dawson...it was great to see how their relationship is developing. And we were given more insight into his brother Mills in this story. I grew to like him more than I did in the first book.. There are two new characters that seriously needed to get their butts kicked. Tyler is a new guy that Nat meets at school. He seems too good to be true. And Nolan's ex Sharon cannot seem to keep her nose out of their business. Like they did not already have enough drama going on already. And there are some twists and turns that make you keep flipping pages.

We get both Nolan and Nat's POV so you feel the heartache, the fear, the loss, the anger, the insecurity all first hand. Finally, things seem to be calming down in Nolan and Nat's world and we can breathe a little bit. Will it all be too little too late? In the end will they find it harder to hold on or harder to just let go?

Looking forward to another book in the series featuring more from Harper and Dawson.

Thanks to Shanora Williams for providing me with a review copy in exchange for an honest review. Will be posted on tour May 1, 2013 with a giveaway at Reviews by Tammy and Kim.

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### **Sarah Camargo says**

Gold 4.5 stars!! Review to come!!

I've been saying since I finished the first book that Nolan better not break my heart and he did!! But not like you might think or ...it might be exactly like your thinking. I can't really say how without giving too much away and I don't want to spoil it for anyone so I'm not going to but it's also fair to say Nolan got his heart broken too.

I'm so happy the author Shanora wrote this book from both Nolan and Nat's POV and is talented enough to pull it off. In order for her readers to experience why Nolan is acting the way he is and making the comments he is to Nat we really have to be inside his head. On the other hand in order for us to know the damage he's doing to Nat and the part of her past she is relating to how he's treating her we also have to be in her head. Again, Shanora did an awesome job keeping us in both their heads even when we didn't want to be.

Angst? Jealousy? Doucheness? Stupidity? Assholery? Yes we get some of all that in this book. Some from Nolan and some from Nat. There were times I was reading with my mouth hanging open thinking WTF is Nolan doing!! Why is he saying this shit? Then, there I am a little while later asking Nat what the heck she's thinking and to stop it right now!! Believe it or not It was Nat that was giving me whiplash and Nolan was really the one out of the 2 that knew what needed to be done in his life.

Now unfortunately we are introduced to some new characters. We have Slutty Sharon which is Nolan's ex girlfriend (grrrrrr) and the hottie Tyler that Nat meets at school. We get to see more of Harper & Dawson. Dawson's so sweet and Harper has her own issues. Nolan's brother Mills is around giving his advice and attitude too. We learn about Brittany's history and in the end we read about her and Jordan's future too.

And of course you can't forget about the poems!!! Those aren't missing either. One particular poem that Nat gives Nolan blew me away. It wasn't elaborate or long it just fit so perfect to the situation. I can't wait for this book to be released for everyone to experience it. It's perfect!

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### **Kendall {Book Crazy} says**

*"And meeting Nolan Young was all I needed to prove that even through all of the pain, hurt and tears, love will always conquer all."*

I was on my hands and knees for an ARC of this book! Hard to Hold On is the perfect ending to an amazing

series! I freaking loved Hard to Resist so when I heard that there was going to be a second book I was very excited and I knew that I had to read it as soon as possible! So many things happened in this book that I wasn't expecting to happen at all! It just kept getting better and better and I couldn't read it fast enough! The author's writing flows brilliantly! It is so beautiful and goes at the perfect pace to keep you interested and dying to read on! The plot was so amazing! It was full of twists that you don't expect and it takes your breath away as the emotions and love in this book are phenomenal! The author does an amazing job! The characters were just as amazing as what they were in Hard to Resist! Natalie was again the main character and I loved her again in this book! I didn't think that it was right that she moved on a little too quickly but I loved that she held back and she still admitted that she did love Nolan even when their relationship was suffering! There were several scenes in this book where I felt so sorry for her as well but you will not want me to spoil the book for you by telling you anymore about these scenes! I was torn with Nolan in this book! At the beginning my heart went out to him! I felt so sorry for him as he was suffering and it was affecting his relationship with everyone but then he all of a sudden he was sort of back to the Nolan that was in Hard to Resist! He was still hot and protective and everything that I love in a male character! I adored Natalie and Nolan's relationship in Hard to Resist but in this book it was slightly strained! There were so many challenges that they had to face to be happy together and I loved that the author developed this book into dual point of views between Natalie and Nolan! I definitely think that this was the right thing to do with this book as there was so much going on that you had to go inside both of their heads to see their feelings and their thoughts! There is a love triangle in this book which I wasn't expecting between Natalie, Nolan and a new love interest, Tyler! I was Team Nolan the entire way through the book but I did like Tyler as well until the end! The ending left me with my mouth hanging open! It was so fast paced and so amazing! The cover is so hot and really suits the cover for the first book in the series! Big thank you to Shanora for an ARC of Hard to Hold On and also for mentioning me in the Acknowledgements!

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## **Jennifer G. says**

WOW!!!!

What a great way to end a series. I am in awe!!!!

This was a great series, but "Hard to hold on", just tops them all off!!!

The great characters, the love, trust, commitment, story line was just perfect!!!!

I don't ever really say what the book is about in my reviews, because that is what the blurbs are for, it should pull you in just like it did me.

I will say that Nolan is a fricken saint!!!! He is a man that all us woman could only dream about.

I will continue to look for more novels by Shanora Williams.

But in the back of my mind, this book, the characters, the story will be there for a while. I just feel in love with all the characters, what can I say :]

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## Gemjar says

ARC for honest review

OMG the opening scene has got me hooked already, I am sure to be an emotional wreck at some point. full review to come when I've finished the book.

so I've become an emotional wreck at 17% in...damn Shanora what are you doing to me girl.

87% in and I have experienced happiness and a hell of a lot of sadness and anger but still LOVING it.

### FULL REVIEW

**Love was found, their only hope is that it never gets lost** <- I should have known this book was gonna be emotional!!

Righty I've just finished hard to hold on and **OMG** I loved it. I know I keep mentioning it but it really was an emotional rollercoaster of ups and downs.

I LOVE HOW THIS BOOK IS BOTH NOLAN AND NATALIE'S POV'S AS IT GIVES MORE DEPTH TO THE STORY.

Firstly don't read this book if you haven't read Hard to Resist as this is the follow on (a couple of months after the first book ends I think) with Nolan living in California looking after his sick mum and Natalie staying in Miami. The opening scene of this book got me hooked and nearly in tears.

After the smooth start to their relationship in book one, I kinda guessed that something had to happen in this one to test Nolan and Natalie's relationship. I really don't want to give anything away because I hate when reviews do that but trust me if you have grown connected to Nolan and Natalie's story you will completely understand the emotional reasons behind how each react throughout the story. Yes both are stubborn and there was a lot of miscommunication between the two but this book truly is about love concurs all with a bit of fighting along the way (and that is in a literal sense as well). They have both been hurt by love before and both have reacted to it differently, they jumped head first into an intense relationship and had to endure long distance early on which would cause strain and insecurities.

I want to admit that this book did make me angry in places I'll not tell you where but they usually involved Tyler. BUT Nolan so made up for the anger I felt and is defo a top book boyfriend.

To be truthful I probs didn't enjoy this book as much as HTR but I still loved it. In a way I did want it to end to get an happy ending both Nolan and Natalie deserve but didn't at the same time because I wanted the story to continue because I love the characters.

And the ending was just perfect :D

I would defo recommend this book. Shanora is a great author and her writing style is good, addictive and catchy. Plus the many sex scenes between Nolan and Natalie are hot what more could you want.ij

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### **Ashley Wallace says**

I was so frustrated through 70% of this book because at one point Nolan was being an idiot and then Natalie was being an idiot. I could see what they obviously couldn't see well because I'm the reader lol but I just wanted to reach through my kindle and smack them both even though I understood why they both did what they did, BUT holy smokes I did love this book. The ending was so dang sweet and amazing and I think its the cutest and sexiest thing ever that he calls her Bunny.. I never would of guessed I would love that so much over the usual babe or baby but I do. I love when the guys use nicknames like that instead of the usual. This book was pretty sad and emotional, when he got the letter (I dont want to spoil anything) I cried like a baby but then you got all these happy, loving feelings at the end. It was great.

The scenes between these two were Smmmmmmmmmoking hot!

The only thing I wish is that we got an update on Mills and his woman at the end, it seems he was the only one we didnt get one from. I wanted to know if they were married, if he graduated College and became a lawyer if they had any kids yet. But I'll just tell myself yes to all of those and be good with it :) I made my own ending for them.

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### **Heather andrews says**

My emotions were all over the place, I didn't really enjoy this book as much as I enjoyed the first one. I mean i LOVED the writing and my Nolan (even though he was an emotional wreck of an a\*\* throughout most of the bookie) With this being said let's move on and nit pick at Nat and Nolan's relationship throughout this book and how much Tyler needs to get his balls ripped off him and shoved down his throat (yes very crude I know but hey seriously JUST FINISHED THE BOOK raw with emotions) Nolan as much as I love him he's just needs some help, "I can't seem to come up with an answer either. I don't know why I love you so much. I just know that it's here between us. It kind of snuck up on me and now I can't deny it. I can never go a day without thinking about you but if there's one thing that I was taught from my mom, it's that we should always know why we've fallen in love with that one person that's changed everything. We should always know why we love someone and what makes them so different from the rest..." (Ya'll make think "oh my God Nolan you're so sweet" but yea without giving away spoilers this scene made me cry) Then there is sweet Nolan (I'm telling you in this book he and Nat are just Bi-polar) "I don't think you realize how much you actually mean to me, Natalie. I don't like to see you with him." And well he's totally jealous which serves him right! Now I can't go on with other quotes that I had picked out because well they're spoilers and I know how ya'll are anal, but I will say in the beginning Sharon needed to get b\*\*\*\*\*ed slapped but she then grew on me Tyler in the end still needed his balls to get chopped off and I was pleased with the ending!

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### **??? LovesToRead ??? says**

Clearly, I am just a glutton for punishment.

Well, I had read the first two, so naturally I wanted to put an end to this. My morbid curiosity alone had me wanting to know what happened when Nolan left and went back to California to aid his ill mother. Hey, this



was a self-proclaimed player who had no ability to be faithful and wanted to try and be faithful for the sake of his "Bunny"...so clearly his time away from her would be challenging. It would mean either a victory and no sex or a stumble and fall and a reversion back to what he once was...a player.

This was a clusterf\*ck from beginning to end and, with the exception of the epilogue, I had no idea why two people were so pathetic and stupid.

While it is clear that we all handle grief a certain way, Natalie was truly as selfish as they come. She was a hypocrite, blind, and cruel. She chose to ignore rational behavior, rational thought and blatant truths to try and prove a point to herself while hurting Nolan.

With her own eyes and ears she saw and heard the evidence, yet chose to continue keeping on. I have never in my life had such blatant disinterest in a character, so much so that I found myself cheering on Tyler and hoping that her stupidity and poor conscious decisions led her down the path of being a statistic. She was so caught up with being hurtful and making a point she did not care about anyone, not even herself, yet she tried to convince herself she did, so much so she chose to talk herself out of her own warnings and doubts.

In this book, while I did find some sympathy for Nolan, I never quite understood what in the world he was holding back for. There were so many things he needed to say to Natalie, yet he never once said it. In particular, telling her what Sharon told him the night he found Natalie wandering hurt...what were these idiots thinking?

In this book, the only character with any real merit was Mills. The series of events that took place while somewhat believable, only became the backstory in comparison to the way that they all behaved and didn't behave. After giving us a story where Nolan begs and pursues Natalie for a whole book to get her to trust him, date him, and so on, I found it very hard to believe all that he DID NOT DO and DID NOT SAY.

All of that equated to poor character development, blatant contradictions and inconsistencies and a plot that while it could have had merit, did not stay together but fell apart because there was nothing of believable substance holding it together.

Once again, NOT A WINNER FOR ME. Based on the epilogue, I am going to assume this story is over, so I no longer need to worry about my morbid curiosity creeping up on me again.

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

so I liked this way more than the first! I'm no a big fan of Natalie...that holds true in this one as well but Damn if Nolan doesnt get better! There is mega drama all around this one...death and loss, heartbreak, lies, poor communication...ugh u name the bad mojo, it is there all around Bunny and Nolan. Even with Natalie's continues selfishness I liked the overall story since I'm a sucker for romance and HEA's!

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### **Swoon Worthy says**

3.5 stars

***Continue to story of Natalie Carmichael and Nolan Young and follow them on their journey. If you have not read Hard to Resist please don't read this review, why, well because it will make absolutely no sense to you whatsoever, so go read Hard to Resist first than come back and we can talk.***

Nolan Young has experienced a tragedy that will devastate most people, and he is no exception. After moving back to California to take care of his sick mother things take a drastic turn and he finds himself in a situation where he doesn't know how to deal with his emotions and ends up hurting the people who love him the most. Can Nolan pull himself together and deal with his emotions without pushing Natalie away? Or will they get the best of him and ruin the only true relationship he has ever had with a girl and leave him depressed and alone?

Natalie Carmichael is young and insecure. She loves Nolan with every ounce of her being. Is she strong enough to stand by his side and help him through his emotional breakdown or will he push her too far to where she finds herself running into a different set of arms?

Let's follow Natalie and Nolan as their relationship experiences ups, down, tragedy, loss, heartache, heartbreak, and distrust. Can these 2 put the pieces of their relationship back together and come out stronger on the other side or will life prove to be a bitch and cause the two to say their final goodbyes?

#### **~~~~~Ena's Thoughts~~~~~**

Let me start off by saying that I loved Hard to Resist; I thought Shanora did a wonderful job on that book and I loved the storyline. I was torn between wanting a second book and maybe just making Hard to Resist a little longer completing the novel.

I have mixed feelings about Hard to Hold On and it's NOT because I didn't like it but because Nolan and Natalie seriously got on my nerves so bad basically throughout the entire book. I wanted to spank them both and put them in timeout. They are young and stupid and really just don't know how to communicate with one another and that is true in real life too – I think their ages showed in this book.

I liked the storyline but I really wanted to have a heart to heart talk with both Nolan and Natalie and tell them to pull their heads out of their ass and really see life for what it is. Shit happens, it's not all hearts and flowers and any relationship that is worth having you have to make work every day. Relationships are NOT easy and a part of me thought that maybe, especially Natalie, thought that if they really loved each other then the relationship should be easy. Well HELLO, I have been married for 11 years and it's not easy you have to make it work EVERYDAY!!! But if the person and the love are truly worth it then that's why you do, you make it work, and communication is the key and that's where they lacked.

***“I'm saying that this between us seems like it happened kind of fast, Natalie. It's starting to feel like we jumped into it way too quickly. You don't ever sit and think about why? Why were we so quick to hop onto one another? We were hurt, both in need of a healing. I thought about it and....I just don't know anymore.”***

Nolan infuriated me throughout this book with his back and forth. I don't want her but nobody else can have her attitude. His emotions were all over the place and one minute he didn't want to be around her and needed his space and the next minute he would get mad if she didn't answer her phone or if she was hanging around with another guy. Ugh!!! I wanted to slap him and tell him to wake up and quit being so wishy washy and be a man and make a damn decision already. I mean I love Nolan but in this book I wanted to be his mom and take him over my knee and give his ass a few spanks!

***“I’ve learned that taking it easy gets you hurt. I’m tired of being hurt – can we just do this? Isn’t this what you want? A quick and carefree ride with me?”***

Now let me address Natalie for a minute - I know she is only 19 (almost 20) but come on grow up! I wanted to put her in timeout for being so childish and such a hypocrite....So it’s not ago for Nolan to do what he wants when you are on your “break” but it’s okay for Natalie too? Really she truly did piss me off sooooooooo stinking much throughout this book. And I felt like she was so naïve about everything and she didn’t take the warning about Tyler as seriously as she should and I wanted to smack her! Yes, cause bodily harm to her face just to get her to wake up and smell the damn roses.

***“We’ll be mature and actually start acting like adults. I don’t want that to happen again, Nolan. I don’t want us to be torn apart because of temporary emotions.”***

Sweet Baby Jesus thank you Natalie! Thank you, thank you thank you, for FINALLY tell yourself and Nolan that you both need to start acting like adults!!!! Praise the lord!!! So see they do start to come around towards the end of the book.....

I will say this! I think Shanora Williams is an amazing and talented author! I loved the storyline behind Hard to Resist and Hard to Hold On and I think she did very well with it. I like the characters so much better when they were having sex and not fighting because they were very “grown up” while engaged sexually with each other but when they had their disagreements or life got tough the “child” in them came out and I guess that is because of their ages!

***“I want to be the guy you wake up with every single morning and I want my arms to be the only arms you’re between every when you’re feeling down, when you’re happy, or even when we’re sleeping. I want to be your all and I want you to be mine for the rest of my life. I want to continue to make music that requires the inspiration of you. I want me and Jordan to sing in his garage about the loves of our lives until our hearts fall out. I want to teach the students of my music class the meaning behind music – where it all comes from. The heart.”***

Nolan won some brownie points with me at the end because after everything it seems like the 2 grew up! Life is hard and nothing that’s worth a damn is easy – you have to work at it and fight for it every day. Nobody owes you anything – if you want something you make it happen. I think by the end Nolan and Natalie realized that and they were tired of taking the easy road and wanted to actually fight for something that meant the world to them – each other!

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## **Fab Fun & Tantalizing Reads says**

This book was hard for me to get a hold on. I was up and down and just all over. I wanted, no, NEEDED Nolan and Nat to get their Happily Ever After. Both had already been through their share of trials and tribulations and I wanted to bask in the sexy & sweet. Nope. I got snot, tears, butterflies (more like bats) in my tummy, and really wanted to slap Nat more than once. Here's a bit of running commentary...

18-24% - Sobbing. Crying like a big baby. Packing for the airport. Wahhhhhhhh. I felt so sad. SHANORA WHYYYYYYYYYY...

34% - Biting my nails. Dread sitting in the pit of my belly. Please no. Please please please no.

37% - I wanna slap a bitch. Nat is KILLING ME. I know Nolan is not handling things well, but dude! He's grieving. What's her excuse? Come on Nat. Please.

47% - I need to break something or hurt someone. I just need everything to be ok. I'm on the edge of my chair here!

58% - Shoot me. Seriously!! Nat. Nat. Why oh why???

By about 70% things started to get better & I began to feel less violent & more hopeful.

**Then..A WONDERFUL ENDING & EPILOGUE. Thankyou thankyou thankyou!!**

Shanora, girl, you really put me, Nolan & Nat through the ringer this round. I feel inside out and upside down. Twisty and turvy. Takes some skill to bring out the best and worst in me ♥

So many wonderful things about this series. You have to ride this roller coaster of emotion and see for yourself.

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**?Jamie? says**

Ms. Williams worked her butt off to get this out early for her readers, and geez, I'm so glad she did. Hard to Hold On was even better than Hard to Resist. The alternating POV's were awesome. I wanted a glimpse inside Nolan's head, and this book did not disappoint.

Summary:

Natalie and Nolan have been together for four months, and all is right in their world. They are happy and feel complete with each other. The long distance relationship is working for them since Nolan needed to be in California to help his sick mother. Their relationship is growing stronger everyday, until Nolan's world crashes and burns. His mother doesn't make it through surgery for lung cancer. He and his brother, Mills, are devastated, having lost their father some years before in a shooting. They both spiral into a depression. Nolan knows he loves Natalie more than anything, but he can't understand some of the emotions he's feeling. When Natalie comes to California to help with funeral arrangements, things blow up between them. Not being able to cope with anyone but himself, Nolan tells Nat that he wants a break, but instead of explaining how he

feels specifically, he shuts down and makes Nat feel unwanted and that the break could be permanent. Nat heads back to Miami with a sense of dread, but tries to give Nolan his space. Nolan almost immediately realizes he f\*\*ked up and could have lost Nat, so he begins "operation get her back." Meanwhile, Nat meets a handsome boy in class, Tyler. Tyler wants to date her as well. Nat is hesitant because she's waiting for Nolan. He has called her, but been drunk so she can't believe his messages. Nat agrees to go to a party hosted by Tyler and just be friends, maybe with minor benefits after finding out that Nolan has been spending time with his hot ex-girlfriend, Sharon. Nolan didn't cheat, but he rushes getting to Miami so he can win Natalie back. He doesn't feel whole or right without her. Natalie feels the same way, but she is tired of being put in the position of hurt girl. Setbacks continue to effect Nat and Nolan's relationship. After a small pity party, Nolan mans up and fights harder for Nat. Natalie is confused and although she loves Nolan, is also feeling something for Tyler. She's not sure what to do, especially after having a serious talk with Brittany about Tyler. Nat and Nolan must learn to come to terms with the reason they fell for each other. Can they find their way back to each other while Tyler and Sharon are butting in and the stresses of everyday life keep making themselves known? Do they really belong together or did they just need each other to heal from past heartbreak?

I loved the angst in this book. I was constantly trying to jump into the story and yell about what they should do. Haha. Nolan and Natalie grew up so much from the last book. They learned a lot about themselves and the people around them. The only complaint I have is Natalie continuing to hang with Tyler, even after finding out what she found out. To me, that was against the girl code, and Nat essentially chose a guy she doesn't know well over her friend. Grief can really effect the living, and this was displayed beautifully in this book. I also loved Dawson and Harper. I cannot wait for their story. We know about Harper from *Hard to Resist*, but we get a glimpse at Dawson's past, and I can't wait to get the full story. Great read! Will definitely be sticking close to read more from Shanora Williams. <3

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