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## Editorial Review

### Review

"...smart dialogue, quirky characters and richly layered plot. Emotionally satisfying from beginning to end."  
--*Kirkus*

"Noelle's situation will resonate with teen readers. Her struggles are those of real teens--trying to fit in, feeling left out, searching for love, making hard choices." --*VOYA*

"A fast read that will give readers plenty to think about and a list of resources to tap into if they need them."—*Publishers Weekly*

"Noelle's journey from victim to victor . . . is an important story for anyone who has felt the sting of their peers' cruelty."—*VOYA*

"Emotionally satisfying from beginning to end."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"This novel could be recommended to those who enjoyed Sonya Sones's *What My Mother Doesn't Know* or Courtney Summers's *Some Girls Are*."—*School Library Journal*

### From the Author

When I was a teen, I would have been mortified to admit that I was being bullied. My teen years were the worst time of my life. Kids tormented me for being the poor kid at the rich kids' school, a hardcore science nerd who wrote song lyrics on her sneakers before that was a thing. I felt desperately alone and embarrassed by all the ways I didn't fit in.

I am not embarrassed anymore.

Writing *Keep Holding On* was my way of turning a negative experience into something positive. I want this book to reach out to every single teen who feels depressed, neglected, ostracized, or misunderstood. I want this book to help them feel less alone. And hopefully, this story will inspire readers in need to keep holding on.

### From the Inside Flap

Chew.  
Swallow.  
Chew.  
Swallow.  
Don't look up.

Lunch is the worst, but there's no safe place at school for Noelle. Keeping her mortifying home life a secret

and trying to ignore the kids who make her life miserable are Noelle's survival strategies. Her emotionally distant boyfriend, Matt, isn't the one she really wants to be with. But there's no way she could ever be with Julian Porter.

When Julian starts talking to her, Noelle is terrified. It seems safer to stay with Matt than risk a broken heart. But when the bullying of a friend goes too far, Noelle realizes it's time to stand up for herself - and for everything that makes her keep holding on.

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