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**The dark side of Hollywood takes center stage in the third O'Hurley romance from #1 New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts.**

Film star Chatel O'Hurley has it all: wealth, fame, and adoring fans—including one whose adoration has turned to obsession. When her stalker resorts to threats, Chantel turns to hardened P. I. Quinn Doran, who soon discovers that the actress's beauty is more than skin deep...

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## Skin Deep Details

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## From Reader Review Skin Deep for online ebook

### Sue says

3.5 Narration & Story, it's a higher level of harlequin but still a harlequin. But I found I enjoyed it. Higher level because a stalker was involved, a harlequin because it resolves itself to neatly and easily. But much better than sum. Certainly good enough to read the prior two in the series.

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### Libbi says

I did not care for this book as I did for the first two books in the series. Several things bothered me:

There was no basis for the love story. Nothing in the first half of the book established any actual liking of one another, let alone enough affection to define as love. That whole part was very contrived.

Nothing happens. Like nothing happens. For half the book. It's just a list of everything Chantel is doing, and no action. Boring.

The only reason I felt compelled to keep reading was to see if I guessed right about who the stalker was. It really irritated me that the author tried to trick the reader into incorrectly assuming who it was. Not only was it irritating, it was very disappointing when the actual stalker was revealed.

So, not at all impressed with this one.

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### SheriC (PM) says

Wow. I am amazed at how such an awful character can be cast as the love interest in a romance novel. I waited it out long enough to see if Quinn's behavior was a ruse to gain information from Chantel, which would be assholeish but at least explainable. But, nope his inner monologue matches his behavior. He genuinely is a misogynist butthead whose initial reaction to a woman being stalked is to dismissively assume that she's making a big deal out of nothing, and that it's no more than she should expect since she's a sexy actress who plays man-eating characters. I don't care how this guy may or may not change over the course of the novel, it makes me want to puke to think that I'm going to be expected to see him as a sexy romantic hero at some point in this book. WTF, no way.

Audiobook via Audible. Good performance by Marie Calliendo, who can't help it that she was given such putrid material to perform.

I gave this my full 20 minute minimum listening time before DNF.

I was attempting to read this for the 2017 Romance Bingo, for the Twins square (actually it's triplets), but I guess I'll have to try the last book in the series, Without A Trace, in hopes that it doesn't suck quite so badly.

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## **Becky says**

Book 3 in the O'Hurley Family Saga series. Chantel O'Hurley has it all. Fame, fortune, beauty and style. She is one of the three triplet sisters. Now she finds herself dealing with an over enthusiastic fan who is becoming scary. Finally realizing that this person is not going to become bored and leave her alone, she goes to her friend Matt who assigns a private investigator, Quinn Doran to find the guy and put him away. Chantel and Quinn are like oil and water. He first see's Chantel as a spoiled celebrity and she finds him raw, harsh and rude. Two very strong characters trying to do their jobs and trying to fight the burning desire they have found for each other. I enjoyed the steamy romance and the suspense. I like how author brings in the family once again from each book. I thought I knew who the "who dunnit" was, but I was very surprised at the ending.

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## **Titinha Scairo says**

Gostei... Gostei!!! Gostei de ver como estas personagens se completavam, só quero que ela... Hum!  
Vamos agora para a história do irmão que pouco se sabe!!! ^\_^

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## **Thenia says**

The beautiful Chantel O'Hurley is in trouble, when an overly enthusiastic fan turns into a stalker. Scared and not knowing what to do, she asks her friend and agent for help and he brings along Quinn Doran, a security expert who has little sympathy for her plight, until he reads one of the letters she's received.

He takes the job and sets out to find out who the stalker is, getting closer to her by necessity and setting sparks flying in the process. The two rub each other the wrong way and keep butting heads, that inevitably lead to an intense romance between them.

My suspicions on who the stalker was were confirmed, (view spoiler), but although it took him some time, Quinn caught on as well and was just in time to save the day.

Enjoyable story with lots of banter between the protagonists. Last in the series comes the elusive Trace's story in Without A Trace.

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## **Jacob Proffitt says**

[If Quinn is such a great investigator, don't you think that he'd have uncovered that writer-guy was seeing a shrink? And that he was unstable? He ran extensive background checks o

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## **Anna says**

Quinn and Chantel are very, very different people from very, very different worlds. I could believe in a

strong physical attraction between the two of them, but everlasting love was a stretch. I realize opposites can attract and can complement each other, but I didn't really see anything to make me think this was the case. Chantel is a strong, independent woman, who has successfully navigated her way through the tricky world of celebrities and landed at the top. Quinn is the sort of man who thinks a woman walking past a construction site deserves the catcalls and harrassment she receives. (In fact, initially he tells Chantel the messages and phone calls she's receiving are her own fault for flaunting her beauty in the public eye.) Why do these two fit well together? I'm not sure, really. I'm not shown more than some passionate arguments before they hit the sheets. It could just be that Quinn doesn't "do it" for me, but I have to wonder what the two of them are going to talk about after the book ends, when the stalker is caught and the initial passion of a new lover begins to fade.

Prior to the mad, passionate lovings that go on in this book, Chantel has only had one lover. The story never mentions her age specifically, but she and her sisters are triplets, and one of her sisters has two kids and marries for the second time, so Chantel is decidedly a grown woman. She's also grown up in show business, and as a world famous actress, has more opportunity than most to hop in the sack now and again, even if she's more discriminate than most. Is it impossible for a woman like her to only have had one lover? No, but it's highly unlikely, enough so that it drew me out of the story.

*Skin Deep* was full of great details about working on a movie set, and I really liked Chantal's overprotective Irish parents. Her whole family were a cast of interesting characters, actually, and it was easy to see how Roberts could devote an entire series to this one family. I liked Matt the agent, too, and I really didn't want him to be the creepy stalker (being a man who works close with Chantel he's of course a suspect), so well handled by the author there.

My petty annoyances aside, it was a decent read. I'm not full of gushing glee, but the story was comfortable, like a bowl of hot soup, and sometimes, that's all you want out of a book.

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### **Virginia Markhart says**

I don't think I have ever given a book a rating of "1". This book was surely the most boring I have ever read. I could only stomach four or five pages at a time. So glad to be finished. It's odd because Nora Roberts is one of my favorite authors. Not sure what happened here, but the whole thing was very similiar to something Danielle Steele may have written. I swore off Danielle Steele years ago. Not giving up on Nora just yet.

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### **Alice Land says**

The story feels too cliché. I found this book boring although I did want to know who the stalker was.

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### **Alisha says**

This book did not feel like a Nora Roberts book, the settings and charaters were just a bit boring and I just really didnt care what happened to them.

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## Saly says

In the past books my impression of Chantel wasn't that good, she came across as a sophisticated Hollywood actress and in this book she is that but as we find out it is all a facade, a carefully cultivated image to succeed in show-biz. I actually kind of found it a cop-out, that she isn't a man-eater instead before the hero she had only one lover, who she fell for badly, he was married and lied and deceived her and we are supposed to believe a sophisticated person like her fell for him and even became pregnant. Of course she lost the baby and changed, became hardened, I dunno I found it all so contrived.

The hero is a PI, we never really learn anything personal about him, his parents etc, who comes to protect her when she starts receiving some calls. Of course he is insolent at first, having bought her tabloid image.

The book didn't really wow me, I just kept reading it because I started it.

Don't get me wrong it wasn't bad but it was not something new, hero delves into the people in her life, she wants to bury her head in the sand, when he doesn't tell her things she gets mad, all very typical.

They do fall for each other fairly quickly, no dilly-dallying about commitment which you can see in NR books most of the time.

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## Megzy says

2.75 stars

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## Fernanda says

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Mais uma historia da familia O'Hurley, desta vez com Chantel como a principal personagem.

Uma historia que ao mesmo tempo é sofrida tambem tem alguns momentos de misterio que nos prende a atenção para o desenrolar da acção.

Uma reviravolta interessante e inesperada deu um bom contributo ao final que se prevê meio insipido.

Em termos de conclusão os personagens no seu todo são credivéis apesar de não muito elaborados.

Uma historia que nos proporciona um bom momento de leitura.

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## Reader's Palace says

The high price of fame meant learning to deal with obsessive fans. But this one was different. He was watching and waiting, and Chantel O'Hurley was afraid. She needed help, and it came with a \$500-a-day price tag, a P.I. with the kind of tough, go-to-hell looks that made a woman's pulse race.

Private investigator Quinn Doran resented playing nursemaid to a spoiled star. But one look at the cool blonde showed him how easy it was to become obsessed with a woman like Chantel....

Even though Chantel was being harassed by an obsessive "admirer," she didn't want some two-bit P.I. telling her what to do. Chantel didn't need Quinn's arrogant insinuations. She needed to stay alive.

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