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Things are finally starting to look up for Skye Fletcher. She's got a new job with a great salary, she's finally out of the rat-trap she used to live in and into a decent apartment. She couldn't be happier. Except for the thorn in her side, a.k.a. Cian Hunter, her arrogant and too good-looking co-worker whom she has the misfortune of being stuck with.

In spite of himself, Cian Hunter fell hard for the surly, unfriendly woman who made no secret of her dislike for him. He knows he and Skye are meant to be. Convincing her of that fact seems like an impossible feat. However, he's utterly confident he's up to the task. His future and his happiness depend on it, after all.

When Skye's one impulsive, uncharacteristic little act changes the status-quo between them, her life gets entangled with Cian's way more than she's comfortable with.

That's when her life *really* turns upside down...

## Holding Out For Skye Details

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# From Reader Review Holding Out For Skye for online ebook

## Nicole says

I received this book from the author and the Paranormal and Contemporary Group in exchange for a honest review.

My Thoughts: I loved this book!! The authors writing was witty, engaging, and hilarious. The banter between the hero and heroine had me cracking up laughing. Even though the hero and heroine traded barbs throughout the romance, it was never mean spirited in nature. The secondary characters really added to the storyline. I like how sweet and patient the hero was with the heroine considering it was her first real relationship. There are no sex scenes in the book, but they were not needed. The hero and heroine had an emotional connection you could feel throughout the book. Kudos to the author, the hero and heroine get together fairly early in the book. Usually, this is a death knell for me. This was not the case in this book. I was kept engaged throughout the story. My only complaint is I did not want the book to end. I hope the author is planning a sequel. I would love to read more about the hero and heroine.

The Hero: He was a real teddy bear. I think he did not know how to deal with his feelings for her in college so he flirted and teased her. When he realizes his feelings for her, he is determined to win her love. I love when a playboy is brought to his knees by the heroine.

The Heroine: She grew up in an orphanage after her mother was killed. So, as a defense mechanism, she pushes people away by being cold and aloof. She is afraid of being hurt. The hero really has to work hard to push past her barriers.

The Story: Skye arrives at her first day at work. She is an accountant. When her boss introduces her to the team she will be working with, she is shocked. It is none other than, Cian, Nick, and Thea who she had met in college. She was unfriendly to them and they were unfriendly to her. Cian was her nemesis. Cian constantly flirted and taunted her. Nick and Thea quickly approach her and call a truce. It is challenging to work with Cian, but she does not want to lose her job.

One day, Skye and Cian are walking to meet up with Nick and Thea for lunch and come across quite by accident Cian's girlfriend cheating on him. Completely out of the blue, Skye pretends to be Cian's girlfriend. She does not believe anyone deserves that kind of humiliation. They eventually get to the restaurant. Skye is told that they might have to pretend to be together for awhile. She walks out of the restaurant. She never thought about the unintended consequences of her actions. After she leaves, Cian has an epiphany and realizes he is in love with her. He goes in search of her and finds her on the beach. He is a gentleman and tells her there is no need to continue the ruse. She refuses so he proposes they have a real relationship. Cian, in his mind, knows this is his only chance to make her fall in love with him. He is not going to mess this up.

The rest of the book deals with the evolution of Skye and Cian's relationship. Also, two secondary relationships are resolved.

Overall, a great debut contemporary romance with a charming hero and an innocent heroine.

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## **Misti Murphy says**

This book was a very easy read. i did forget in some parts that the characters were not, in fact, teenagers but i liked that this book went there as sometimes adults do need to behave or wish they could behave like McKade's characters. The romance was sweet and the prose was beautifully descriptive.

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## **Kaleigh James says**

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Holding Out for Sky follows the unlikely romance of Skye and Cian. Skye has just started a new job where she finds that she knows all three of her new teammates, and one in particular is the guy who drove her nuts in college. There's definitely potential for them from the get-go. Their constant bickering and teasing leaves no wonder where passion would be found.

Skye struggles to open herself to others, but she is fiercely loyal to those who pass her barriers. She seems a little naive for her age at points, but she has a rough past, which explains why she holds herself separate from people and why certain things are new ground for her.

Like Skye, some of the other characters acted a little younger than their ages. For instance, I was surprised at one character's refusal to stand up to her father, as in the book, all characters seem to be in their mid-twenties, in careers, and more than capable of making life decisions.

There is a varied cast of characters, and two other couplings that take place throughout the book, so it is kind of like getting three romance stories in one. That being said, this allows for lots of ups and downs, several misunderstandings, and quite a bit of hilarity.

Overall, the themes of the book seem to be loyalty and not judging things at face value. Even with the drama, I would recommend it to those who aren't looking for something dark and full of angst. It's a lighthearted, easy read with likable characters.

Note: There are no sex scenes in the book, and even the kissing or affection shown are mild.

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## **Kristen Cansler says**

Can Skye be my best friend who comes over at midnight randomly for bingeing on food, gossiping, and crappy reality TV show marathons? I loved this character. S.R. McKade adds such personality to her writing that you can't help but be completely engaged by her story.

S.R. McKade wrote a fantastic cast of characters. She's so talented at not only showcasing the romance between Skye and Cian but also devoting time to secondary characters and developing them. It really gave me a chance to fully appreciate all of the characters in Holding Out for Skye. There is enough romance in this book to satiate the needs of any romance fanatic!

Instead of focusing on the chase, this book focuses on the budding relationship between Skye and Cian. It

was a nice break from the slowburn romances that I've picked up lately. Getting to witness their bickering and growing together as a couple was very sweet and enjoyable. I felt like Cian and Skye were a perfect match, and I loved seeing their romance unfold.

S.R. McKade has such beautiful writing. The story really leaps off of the pages and draws you into it as it goes along. All of the elements of Holding Out for Skye blend together seamlessly into a stunning piece of literature. I cannot wait to read more from this author!

Romance fans, you have to pick up Holding Out for Skye. It'll be your next favorite!

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### **Christine Alibutud says**

*Three things:*

1. *Predictable.* Not that I intend to make it sound in a bad way, but I kind of knew the whole story from the start. Not that this has always been a problem for me, because I can appreciate a book, especially if it's good, predictable or not. This one, though, was nothing special.
2. *Cheesy.* You guys don't know how many times I tried to suppress my hundred urges to eyeroll at most of the dialogues and situations. Fluff and cuteness are good, but too much is just...*why even???*
3. *Meh.* I've got to admit, the whole bantering was fun, but beyond that, it was all just...*meh.*

Anyway, **2 stars** for this!

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### **Angelle says**

In this funny and sweet romance we meet Skye and Cian. Orphaned as a young child Skye has grown up in foster care, after graduation she made a life for herself, landed a great job and has a few close friends. Life is great until she get to work and finds that the biggest pain she has ever met is in her group. Can he convince her that he is a good guy and he thinks they were meant to be?

You will have to read this funny story yourself to find out!

I really enjoyed this story, I hope Ms. McKade uses some of the other characters to give us a spin off, I would definitely love to read more about this crew!

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### **Michael Benavidez says**

This book is good. close to great. So many goods, a few little pet peeves, so I'll make a list.

#### GOODS:

Sweet honest story telling.

Well rounded characters.

Multiple story lines that create a full immersive world.

Cliches used in the best of ways, and actually make it feel real.

Cheesy, in the way that I would actually say more than half the things said

Personalities are real, you feel for the characters

#### BAD:

name dropping a bit, though probably without realizing it. It did what GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO did, wonderful story wonderful everything, but a few too many name drops of things. I usually prefer made up creations for the world, but that's me. I don't know how most romance books work so maybe I'm just out of my element for this.

The actions sometimes come off more along the lines of a teenage relationship. The problems seem more high school than workplace. It doesn't do much to detract from the story, it's just a bit of a nitpick. And it could be that that's just me. I am out of my element with this story.

So it's a story about two people in love, one doesn't know it (finally something that does it right), the other barely realized it (again, it's rare that it's done right for me) and it's a struggle to get them to accept it. What helps this story is that there are two other relationships going on at the same time, and they aren't just subplots. In fact, they do more to help build our two main characters than just to give an extra dose of lovey dovey. They're also pretty underplayed, as to not take away from the main characters. They play a rather large role towards the end, but it isn't thrown in as a last minute ploy. It works rather well and I enjoyed that. Nothing really felt out of place. It was like a puzzle that enjoyed taking its time to be put together. It is a by the number book. You know the ending, you know the outcome and everything. But I never got that this book was trying to surprise the reader. It was merely trying to tell the story. The beginning and ending don't matter, it's the ride from here to there that matters.

Also, it's cheesy, very cheesy, very fucking cheesy. I liked it haha. For all the dark books I read, it was nice to just read something lighthearted, with a dash of humor. All of which felt natural, and not really forced. Overall, it's something to get mushy over. You can love them, you can hate them, you actually feel for them. And they are real people. The type of people you know in reality. We all have those types of friends (if not in the full exactness, in the small ways that it puts an image in our head)

definitely recommend it.

#### P.S:

Since the time I wrote this review it was taken down for edits, and has since been put back up. I haven't read the full edited version, so I don't know what changes were made (if any substantial changes were made) but my opinion still remains the same.

the link to it on Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/HOLDING-OUT-SKY...>

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#### Jerome Brooke says

The Skye is falling ... for Cian. Love can be part of life, or it can be life itself. Love is often the central focus

for many of us, and thus it is often the main topic of conversation, the dreams of young girls, and the plot of books. McKade has crafted this book with care. Good work !

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### **Poonam says**

[How is Skye breaking up with Cian going to give him confidence of Nick and Thea relationship enough to allow them to go ahead and marry!! (hide spoiler)]

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### **Allison says**

What a wonderful, witty read, I loved this fun read..it was so refreshing and the sparring of words between these two was simply delightful. Not to mention snark worthy! I love a book that will make you spit coffee or tea across the room...

It was such a feel good book I would share it with everyone in a heartbeat.

There are so many strong characters in this book S.R.McKade has a sparky magic pen...there could be easily a series of books on this group of friends and all be just as great.

I loved so many elements of these many relationships here, the really knowing another person for who they really are and loving them right through to the otherside.. words & all.

Thank you for the opportunity in reading this book it was just such a surprise!

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### **Cynthia says**

What a fun and loving book with so much passion, caring, love to hate you, bickering back and forth between Skye and Cian. Their love hate relationship will keep you rolling throughout the book, even when both finally wise up to understand they do love each other it doesn't stop there. I so loved Skye and Cian but heck I adored every character in this book. Even his cousin and ex girl friend who I would have loved to have slapped silly I adored them for they made the book so much more interesting and funny. I even found out a few things I didn't know like what a gibbon was, that scene was just over the top funny.

Skye and Cian are supposed to be in a relationship but Skye isn't too happy about it and Cian does love to annoy her to no end. Oh and when Cain kept her up all night talking on the phone and she was mad she didn't get any sleep...I thought I would laugh myself silly. She comes into work like the walking dead, gives the evil eye to Cian, when they ask her why she looks so bad she tells them he kept her up all night talking and how people are crazy for not getting any sleep she goes off.....

"Don't they have to go to work the next morning? Don't they have things to do? How do they do it? I don't get it. What's the big freaking deal? But nooooo, I had to listen to his annoying voice all night until the damn clock blasted my damn ear off!" Of course Cian just sat and grinned which made her even madder...LOVE IT! The milkshake incident was just out of this world, I wonder how many of us wish we had the balls to pull that off. And then there was when Skye went off on Cian cousin you don't want to miss that fight...you have so much to look forward to with this read.

To have a friend like Skye is out of this world, no matter what she knows you and things aren't always as

they seem. Even when things look stack against you, your BFF should know you are innocent and stand beside you not behind but beside you all the way. Skye's BFF is the most amazing person who stands beside her women no matter what.

This was a wonderful read, with wonderful characters for a very even flow throughout the book which you do not want to ever put down. It is mainly about Skye and Cian but the author has love stories inside of love stories in this book. Each character would make a wonderful read on their own but together it makes this an outstanding read that will have you rolling with laughter.

Skye is sarcastic, with a kick-ass attitude she is stubborn and abrasive with the heart of a lion along with the roar of a tigers fighting to keep her cubs safe. She hides her loving heart behind her sarcasm which people who knows her see through. She lost her mother at a young age and finds it hard to trust anyone. She is a standalone kind of person who not only takes care of herself but those around her. She does for herself never asking others to do for her, her friends come before herself and there isn't anything she will not do for a friend.

Cian is a love them and leave them kind of man, there is no women alive that can hold him for long until Skye. It takes him a few to understand that Skye is the only women for him. It takes him even longer to make her realize he is the man for her. He loves to annoy her, she is so cute when she is mad. He takes every chance he can to get under her skin from calling her the most dearing names which she hates to trapping her into doing what he wants. You have to smile and chuckle at all his little stunts.

McKade wrote a fantastic story with wonderful secondary characters which stand out who will keep you laughing through all their little stunts which keep the ball rolling while keeping Skye and Cian on their toes. There is enough romance in this story to keep every reader happy and smiling along with wanting more. Each couple is the perfect match, each bricking at the other adds to the story to make it a wonderful read. It was a nice change to read a story where the male is female and female is male. That is a little confusing isn't it? Most females start the lovey-dovey stuff but here it is the male who takes that ball and runs with it. Once you read the book you will understand, it so makes this book well worth the read. They put this under contemporary romance but I am torn between that and a comedy which for me it is both.

McKade writes a beautiful story which keeps you wanting to never put this book down. Stories inside of stories blend together so well that will leave you asking for more. You really should pick up this book and give Holding Out for Skye a read it will fast become one of your favorites. I am so looking forward to reading more of this author work. Thank you S.R. McKade for writing such a wonderful fun loving, heart breaking read it was just what the doctor ordered.

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## **Dali says**

2.5 stars

An insanely cute, corny, silly, sappy, mushy and sweet story about a big bunch of couples getting their happy.

S.R. writes about an incredibly prickly, loner Skye and an incorrigible Cian and how their relationship shifts



from nemesis to friendship, companionship and so much more along with several side love stories revolving around the main characters.

When I first met Skye, I didn't think I would like her. She was beyond defensive, bristly, unfriendly and just not nice. But the non-ending battles between her and Cian made me laugh and smile enough for her to win me over.

**"You have to stop doing this,"**

**"This?"**

**"Trying to manhandle me!"**

**"Trying? Who said anything about trying, darling? In my opinion, I'm succeeding."**

**"Since when did you become a Neanderthal?"** Oh, good one.

**"Since you became my girlfriend."**

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*"Miss me, will u. Her smile widened as she texted him: Not likely. Remind me who this is again. Cian replied back instantly: The Neanderthal."*

Cian was charming and simply impossible not to love. *"In a strange way they seemed to complement one another."*

**"Bite me."**

**"Where?"** Cian whispered in her ear.

There were some issues that I couldn't overlook and affected the rating. It was nice to have good supporting characters, but there were too many couples with their own story and I felt they absorbed too much of the main plot.

There was also the over the top teenage melodrama, which in teens would be fine, but it's something that grates and tries my patience when it comes to mid-twenties adults. And what really did me in was the fact that these same adults let parents influence and dictate their lives in seemingly capricious and careless ways.

The story was very well written in several points of view, I was never confused about it. I really enjoyed S.R.'s prose. It was wonderful to read and I'm sure that her work will only get better with time.

*"Cian felt like he was drowning in her, steeped in everything that made her who she was. And it was the most glorious feeling in the world."*

\* I was graciously given an ARC of this book by the author for an honest review. The excerpts are from that copy. \*

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## Maryam Dinzly says

I was given this book to review, and to be honest, this was one of the best book i've read. basically, its about a girl, who hates a guy. Skye hated Cian more than anything in this world and the feeling was mutual. Until something happened that made Cian realise that he was actually in love with her and had been in love with her for a long time. But even knowibg that, it would really take a lot of convincing on his part to make Skye believe that. Okay, i love Skye. i think she is like the coolest, kickass character i have ever gotten to know. she loves food, especially chocolate. she literally lives and breathes food. and she's stubborn as hell. but when it comes to protecting her friends, she would do so at all costs. the thing about her is that she doesnt know how good she is, how awesome she is. and i love the storyline of this book. it amazes me how the author managed to fit in THREE different love stories, managing to not cramp them up together and still focusing on Skye and Cian. and there was that one part that actually gave the reader's an insight into the future, by saying that that was the last perfect moment before something terrible happened. i guess that made people actually seat at the edge of their chair to know what was the problem. im sorry if my sentences seemed weird, but for some reason i couldnt really get the words right. HAHA. anyway, yes i really loved this book. Thumbs up for the author, really. :)

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## Lita says

**This book has got *IT!*. No way did I think that this story was going to be like one of those roller coaster rides that people just *have* to get on!**

You'll laugh and cry and will definitely get pissed off, but this is one story that can't be discarded.

This author put words together to magically fit friendships(or *somewhat* friendships haha), break-ups \*whimpers\*, and make-ups \*sniffle\*, that all lead to falling in love. And along this road, you can't go wrong with a bit of teasing and bickering \*giggles\*, and tough out and make through hardships, and come out the other end to start anew.

I loved the characters personality and how so right they felt being paired with one another.

I really admired Skye's blunt, fiercely loyal, and realitic no-nonsense attitude of hers. Oh!. And when Cian never fails to *purposely* rally up Skye, priceless...haha and the milkshake incident was just perfect!. Lmao

The only thing I didn't like was how long it felt that Cian and Skye were together. I know they weren't together that long , but with Cian coming to terms with how he really felt for Skye in the very beginning, it made the bickering and the teasing between them a bit tiring at times, and made Skye seem like she was lagging *way* behind.

Overall, this book was super funny and there was never a dull moment in this book.

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## Jamie Baker chrystal says

I'm giving this story 4 stars.

Skye Fletcher has never dated and has always stuck to herself. Now that she has a new job she's finally happy. That is until her new boss shows her the three other people she will be working closely with and it ends up being Cian Hunter and his two best friends.

Cian is in a relationship and when him and Skye find his girlfriend and cousin in an alleyway Skye is thoroughly disgusted and decided to pretend that her and Cian have been in a relationship and can finally be together.

Not believing what she has done for him he realizes that he is in love with her and is determined to make her realize that she feels the same way.

I enjoyed this book. I liked how the author concentrated on Cian and Skye's relationship but at the same we also get a glimpse at the relationships between their four best friends.

\*ARC given by the author in exchange for my honest review\*

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