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## Hold Me Now

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### *From little miss luxury to chambermaid*

Jessica is 18 years old, stunningly beautiful, and all too well aware of it. Her parents are completely at her beck and call - until, one day, they have simply had enough of their daughter's escapades. Jazz is sent to spend an entire summer working at a friends' hotel as a chambermaid, so she can learn to take a bit of responsibility. But as Jessica's nightmare starts to take shape, it also turns out to be the best summer of her life once handsome Noah appears in her life...

For readers looking for more: grand passion and intensive love stories.

- This book will grip all readers who are no longer looking for first love, but want something more - something passionate and all-consuming.
- Dramatic twists of fate, intense emotions, and tense moments - all located in the most romantic setting of a luxury hotel.
- A protagonist torn between two men, and a 'princess turned chambermaid'. What more could a girl want from a novel?
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## Synopsis:

Jessica, known as Jazz, just can't understand it. Completely out of the blue, her parents tell her that she's not going to spend the summer in their holiday home as normal, but will instead be working as a chambermaid in a hotel. That way she will learn - or so they think - to grow up and take a bit of responsibility.

Even the journey to Orange Beach is a complete nightmare. The road is blocked, and Jazz is stuck. She can't let anyone know, as she accidentally tipped a cup of coffee over her phone. All of a sudden, someone offers her his phone. A six-foot tall, dark guy with ruffled hair and sea-green eyes. An absolute dream of a guy, Noah. He listens to her conversation with the hotel reception and starts chatting to her. Jazz gives full rein to her frustrations, and launches into a diatribe about her parents and her job.

The road is unblocked, and Jazz is free to go. Noah suddenly kisses her - on the grounds that this might be his only chance to do so. Confused, Jazz gets into her car, and feels a pang of sadness as Noah overtakes her. They hadn't even exchanged numbers.

Jazz is just finishing her shift on her first evening at the hotel when she suddenly finds herself confronted by Noah. He is the hotel owner's son. Part of her wants to die on the spot - but another part of her is furious. Why did Noah act yesterday as if they would never see one another again? Why did he kiss her like that?

Shortly afterwards, she discovers that Noah has a gorgeous girlfriend, Cleo, back in Tuscaloosa, where he studied. This explains his strange behaviour. Jazz feels the jealousy rising, but suppresses it. Noah is clearly just a player. Over the next few weeks, Noah keeps popping up unexpectedly, making Jazz's life difficult with his little digs at her. Despite this, Jazz finds herself attracted to him, and Noah - despite all the digs - is giving out all the signals that he doesn't just see her as a chambermaid...

After one particularly awful day, Jazz sits on the beach and sobs. Her whole life seems to have fallen apart. She hates her job, her friends never get in touch, and it's days since she heard from her crush, Marc. Noah chances upon her, feels bad, and apologises. In an attempt to make amends, he offers to teach her to dive. They become closer as a result; Jazz finds Noah's presence completely electrifying.

One evening Marc announces that he's coming to visit her in the next few days. Jazz is excited by the prospect of a couple of romantic days with him - but it turns out that he has brought all his friends along with him. Noah, for his part, assumes an attitude of reserve towards Jazz, and starts ordering her around. Jazz is so confused by his behaviour that she decides to ignore her feelings for him and to concentrate on Marc instead. But one day, as she's cleaning someone's room, she suddenly finds Noah there, and he kisses her. Tortured by thoughts of Noah's girlfriend and of Marc, Jazz breaks off the best kiss of her life. Before Noah leaves, he tells her that he dumped Cleo two months ago. Jazz, too, realises that her feelings for Marc have changed since the start of the summer. She does the right thing and breaks it off with him.

Diving together then following day, Noah and Jazz finally admit their feelings to one another. The boat journey becomes a sensual experience. However, they clash again because Noah believes that Jazz interfered in the situation between them. Jazz is very hurt and says she won't go diving with Noah again. All of a sudden, there is no sign of Noah at the hotel. And so Jazz spends the final days at Orange Beach without him, and returns broken-hearted to Montgomery. After she has already been at home for a week, she is astonished when Noah turns up to tell her that he loves her and can't imagine life without her.