

Chapter 1 : Hold Fast Book Review

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Life is a broken-winged bird That cannot fly" - from "Dreams" by Langston Hughes Chapter 1 Vincent squeezed the bloody rag out one more time and pressed it to his gut. At least the bullet had gone clean through, although that also meant he ached in two places at once. He was a soldier and not unfamiliar with it, yet this wound went much deeper than muscle and bone. It cut to the heart, and might be the death of him yet. Because this time Catherine had inflicted it. He gritted his teeth, not in anger, but anguish. Reynolds had stolen his life in so many ways! Everything connected to Catherine was linked, somehow, to him. He should have at least finished the job. He hung his head. Where did this end? Tori was rightâ€”Reynolds deserved to die. But Vincent was a beast himself. What had she done? Merely had the misfortune to be born to a father with tainted DNA. But she was nothing like him. He looked around at the sparse living space, soon to be confiscated back by them. It was as cold and sterile as his memories. For everything he knew was a lie. He was no soldier. The man had played him from the start. It was embarrassing not to have figured it out before this. He knew who had coldly set it all into play. Vincent pressed his bandage harder. This was an awful mess. Tori might be responsible for amplifying his reaction, but the rage was his own. And now he could pay the ultimate price. Then there was Zachâ€”a fellow victim of Muirfield twisted and torn apart by his own loneliness and isolation. It was only having Catherine in his life that had spared him from that, as well. He was a man! But what did she expect him to do when faced with the man responsible not only for the original experiments on him but this diabolical scheme to use him to kill the others? Who was the real monster? He closed his eyes and saw her face, the look of anguish when she shot him. She had pleaded with him to stop and he nearly had. But then he realized it was too late. All of their lives would be in jeopardy. How could she blame him for that? He left the scene after being shot and had run the entire way back to the boathouse. Just one more scar. Mind-numbing pain was better. If only that were the case. Amazing what a moment of clarity that was. The look on her face said it shocked her as much as it had him. The guilt he felt would keep him alive for ten thousand more years. Tori burst through the door of the boathouse while Vincent was still trying to figure out how to stop the bleeding without stitching himself up. And that seemed an impossible task. The pain was enough to make him pass out. Her mouth dropped open at the sight of all the blood. You just need to keep your distance from me right now. But you killed him, right? Vincent shook his head slowly. It hurt too much to move any faster. By shooting me in the gut. Tori, listen to me. You need to calm down. I need your help, not your anger. She was coming to enjoy that rush of adrenalin. You need professional help! For some reason JT sprang to mindâ€”an image of him with a syringe in his hand. JT had helped him before. Tori was growling and pacing. He needed to calm her down. I need your help, but you have to calm down. Then find me a clean shirt and help me into the car. He had no doubt about that. Vincent used the last cash he had from the emergency stash Reynolds had fed him and booked them into the only two-bedroom suite they had available. For the price, it was no luxury, but it would do. He was having a hard enough time maintaining his calm with her in such close proximity. He wanted to tell her to leave, but he knew not only would he have trouble getting her to agree, but he had no one else right now. He changed the bandages one last time, although he was still losing blood, and got himself, awkwardly, into bed in one of the rooms. Yes, I know I already called and asked the same question. Anyone new brought in with a gun-shot wound? Thanks for your help. What are you doing? When did you get here? Somebody has to have seen him. Or so it felt. That seemed pretty unlikely. He could be lying somewhere. Despite his memory loss, he should know instinctively what to do to save himself. He had the strength to run away. This was about much more than a simple shooting. You gave him fair warning. Catherine glared at her. Vincent was wrong, and you had no choice but to stop him. You go home and rest. Have you checked the boathouse? She was having a difficult time going there, herself. Although she was awfully glad he was. But it could have been anyone, reallyâ€”. He probably got home,

patched himself up and then headed out with Tori to. You gave him every chance. He made his choice. The next step is up to him. Her pretty blue KIA was undriveable after the accidentâ€”which Vincent causedâ€”and had been hauled away to the collision repair center. And put some heat on your neck. All the muscles in her neck, back and shoulders were really tight. A long, hot bath might be the best idea. A cold, dark apartment was the only thing that greeted her.

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Taking a photo of it gave a sense of worship in my heart for that moment I shared with Sarah. It was a breathless moment, a quiet one, in which we just stood together and watched the sky change from fire to pink to purple to dark. An amazing moment, the church across the street from her home. This early morning I am listening to Ralph Von Williams on my Pandora and sometimes switching to Alexander Desplaut, two of my favorite composers of film music. I poured myself a cup of Yorkshire Gold tea and lit all the candles around me, like I do every day. Indulging myself by looking at velvety red roses that I found on sale at the grocery store is bringing me much pleasure. After all, I am an adult and I can buy myself flowers once in a while when I think I need them! Remember that May snow from last week? I have taken literally thousands of pictures of beautiful flowers, sunrises, scenes in nature I find over the years because it is a sort of worship in the moment a recognizing His fingerprints as I go through my days. I am taking time to love Jesus and tell Him how very happy I am that He is real and with me--that He has painted the sky and made music to stir my soul and that He is with me loving me. I am seeking to cultivate love notes to heaven as I appreciate the lover who is invisible but here in my life today. I have to take time to remember to keep our love fresh, just like I have to do with Clay. I text Joy and Sarah and tell them I am the most blessed mama in the world because they are such treasures to me. Nathan calls me before I get a chance to call him and we chat at "besties" and I tell him that God is with him and that God and I love him. Joel comes up for a first cup of tea. So thankful for you today. Darcy Dog comes ambling in with a tennis ball in her mouth and throws it at my feet. I look at her, really notice how darling and ridiculous she is all at the same time. She makes me giggle a lot no matter what kind of day I am having. And I thank God for my silly dog and how much she makes me smile. Recently, teaching a Bible study I have hosted for 10 years, I mingled with a variety of sweet women varied in age and in life puzzles. Later, flying one more time, I spent time with dear, inner-circle friends I have long known in California, then late at night talked on face-time to my children then ending with a cherished friend as I came home from a week of travel. All my conversations seemed to go in the same direction. Many beautiful, precious women who have deep burdens to bear--a prodigal son or daughter; a heavy and dark marriage partner who refuses to love or give grace; many with chronic illness--cancer, pain, many living quietly with years of heart-break they bear in silence. Different, outside the box kids, illnesses of every sort. A truly lovely single mom was abandoned by her husband for a woman he met on facebook. I could go on. I am familiar with deep sadness in my own life, some things I will never be able to share publicly because I believe in loyalty and protection of my family and friends from the public eye. It is my sacred trust to bear up through dark passages and to trust it just to Him, as He has promised to be with me. We are subject all round us to the consequences of a fallen world--so beautifully made, so scarred and marred by the illness of our own souls, the sin that has created havoc, abounding in so many corners of life. And there it is for our children to figure out. But God has trusted me with adulthood and so I bow to His will. Much of the sadness or at least sad circumstances will be with these precious women, who are in my heart, for many, many years--if not their whole lives. But the circumstances of their lives do not need to define who they are or how they live. Home is a place to light a candle in the darkness, to bring hope to sadness, to celebrate that He has overcome the world. Yet, making home the best place to be requires a grid that says, "I am the one called to bring light. He is a bridegroom preparing a wedding feast. He is a wonderful counselor who has compassion on us when we feel lost. He is a shepherd who lays down His life for his sheep and leads them beside still waters. But love and beauty and faith must be cultivated daily, in His presence, looking for His reality, so that my heart will be filled with the reality of Him and His overcoming goodness and redeeming light. I must cultivate this inner life if I am to find rest and peace in my daily life. The glory of a woman is her ability to stir up Life and light in this dark world. We are born to civilize, to encourage, to inspire, to heal. Women are most beautiful when they are engaged in creating the reality of His life and love wherever they go. But this love comes from intentional cultivation--it is the grid that we see life through-- I am created to be an overcomer, an artist who leaves beauty, a counselor

who brings peace, a magician who brings hope and comfort in the very midst of despair, laughter and joy amidst the draining moments. I am given the possibility of leaving a fragrance of words that bring hope, inspiration, affirmation to one who is starving for soul food. The strength of any woman is built on a foundation of what she cherishes, practices, waters, cultivates. Love is there, waiting to strengthen--the soul of a great woman depends on Him flowing in and through her every day. This organic faith life is what we want to live and then teach our children to live. These heart messages are exactly what they need in order to leave home and keep their faith alive, and to have the courage to face their own temptations and darkneses. They may forget how to spell some words or how to conjugate a verb or a theorem from math. This is what our summer podcast is about--figuring out what all kids need before they leave home and understanding how to pass it on. Please join us for the next 10 weeks. Invite your friend and then we will all gather at the end to discuss together on a live presentation, maybe at parties in your home, what we have learned, what we plan to do, how we need to encourage one another. We are so excited. Join us this summer for our special Podcast series this summer!

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But why only one heart? Because the other was given to someone else. For us to find. When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems you cannot hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time the tide will turn. The first is gentleness; the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others. Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be generous; avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among men. I hold my course with focused attention and relentless commitment, as I weather the storms of life. Hold the inhalation, and God remains with you. Exhale, and you approach God. Hold the exhalation, and surrender to God. He fled, the tiger after him. Coming to a precipice, he caught hold of the root of a wild vine and swung himself over the edge. The tiger sniffed at him from above. Trembling, the man looked down to where, far below, another tiger was waiting to eat him. Only the vine sustained him. Two mice, one white and one black, little by little started to gnaw away the vine. The man then saw a luscious strawberry near him. Grasping the vine with one hand, he plucked the strawberry with the other. How sweet it tasted. For myself I hold no preferences among flowers, so long as they are wild, free, spontaneous. Bricks to all greenhouses! Black thumb and cutworm to the potted plant! I love it when they come to visit now. They can hold the baby and I can go out. Release your burdens - your fears, regrets, guilts, shames, embarrassments, angers. One by one, pick up each memory or fear that troubles you, hold it close, and release it to the Universe. Release each incident from your past that still bothers you. Release each fear - your fears about your health, your family, your job, and every other fear. The best thing to hold onto in life is each other. After marriage, she has to hold him to make love to him. Hold fast to youth and beauty. Sign-up for your free subscription to my Daily Inspiration - Daily Quote email. To confirm your subscription, you must click on a link in the email being sent to you. Each email contains an unsubscribe link. May the world be kind to you, and may your own thoughts be gentle upon yourself.

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When I pick up a book for children I have to cut through a thick swath of issues infecting my brain that may have little to nothing to do with the book in hand. You have to own up right from the start to what makes you tick as a reviewer. Here are the facts of the matter. I have read two other books of Ms. Fact number two is that when I am disappointed in a book it makes me even more critical of the title than would be normal for me. So read on if you like, but bear in mind that these two facts are at the forefront of this very review. I read *Hold Fast* by Blue Balliett. I did not much care for it. Sum, Dash, Early and Jubie. Four people in a single family. Take away one of them? Surely his disappearance has something to do with a side job he got at the library. But you see my expectations were high. Not because of the author necessarily, but because of the description of the plot. I work in the ultimate urban library system: Sheer hoards of books are published for children in a given year. Now recount for me all the titles you can think of off the top of your head that deal with the shelter system. Not the foster care system though that genre could certainly use a kick in the pants as well but the kids and adults caught up in shelters. In all my years of librarianship I can tell you honestly that I have never read a single solitary middle grade novel, or picture book for that matter, that dared to explain, explore, or inhabit the world of shelters. Balliett to research and throw herself heart and soul into a book that dares to explore this remarkable topic is to her credit. For that alone she should be commended. And had I not read the book I could have left it at that. But I did read the book. That is where the trouble started. I recently wrote a post on my blog decrying the lack of African-American male protagonists in middle grade novels particularly in the publishing year. As much as we need boys, we need girls just as much. But once they entered the shelter my hackles began to raise. With the exception of Summer and an older woman they meet in the shelter with grown children, almost every mother encountered in this book threatens her children with beatings, beltings, slaps, hits, and other forms of physical punishment. About the third time it happened I was getting worried. What precisely are we trying to say here? I understand that such physicality occurs, but the frequency went beyond mere personality quirk to commentary. And not a commentary I necessarily want kids to read. Both men have high aspirations for a better world and speak truth to power. More to the point, he has some major character flaws. Dash, in stark contrast, feels less like a real flesh-and-blood human and more like a stand-in for an idea. The self-made man who quotes Langston Hughes is a caricature if not reigned in continually. Dash, unfortunately, is never given any flaws except an excess of misplaced trust in his fellow man. I wanted someone real to worry about. Instead, all I had was a symbol. That Early has a bit of a Pollyanna in her is almost a necessary character quality. She has it in droves, and mostly as a character she worked for me. There were, however, two exception to this. The first was a sequence where Early introduces the joy of reading to the other kids in the shelter. Even a willing sense of disbelief must raise a skeptical eyebrow when a kid asking a grown person questions in conjunction with a crime can make that adult sweat profusely and quail under their directness. That one was a bit hard to buy. What kills me is that there is so much to potentially enjoy in this book. The idea of using the definition of words as a way of finding clues? If you were upset, it was unreasonable. If you had a question, it could wait. Just the fact that you were there seemed like a strike against you. So much of this book works. My favorite character in *Hold Fast* ended up being the setting. You are with her. You are trapped even as her characters are trapped. The end result is that you still end up learning a lot about the shelters and the people in them, despite the actual plot. However you chose to look at it, the bones of *Hold Fast* could be called strong.

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With joy for each other And gratitude to God. And let us worship God. This is what God is doing: Let us join in, and let us worship God. In the rosy-gray light of the early day, In the cool damp of the morning, We rise to praise our Maker. Surrounded by colored glass and incandescent light, Greeted by the voices of the saints, We worship the One who loves us. Let us worship God. Come, children of God: We are blessed by work and rest, by word and silence. Come, women and men who follow the Christ, who has not led you astray. We have traveled His path, and know glory and sacrifice. We offer our sacrifice of praise; we offer our very selves. What, then, shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? God offers us new life, a fresh start, a second chance. That God, who is holy, desires wholeness and joy for all people. So then, let us say that, and let us worship our God. This one is based on a prayer by St. Catherine of Siena, 14th c. We say the prayer of a mystic: Dear Lord, it seems that you are so madly in love with your creation that you could not live without us. So you created us; and then, when we turned from you, you redeemed us. Yet you are God, and have no need of us. Your greatness is made no greater by our creation; your power is made no stronger by our redemption. You have no duty to care for us, no debt to repay us. It is love, and love alone, which moves you. Praise the Lord, O my soul. How can we praise the Lord when there is sorrow and death? Praise ye the Lord. How can we praise the Lord when there is fear? While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. The One who made heaven and earth and sea; the one who keeps truth forever. The One who makes justice for the oppressed; the One who feeds the hungry. The One who protects the stranger; the One who upholds the widow and orphan. Let us worship God who has restored us to life. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. You have turned our mourning into dancing; you have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy, so that our souls may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, we will give thanks to you forever. What will God accomplish among us in this time? We have come together for Sabbath rest and renewal. What will God accomplish among us in this place? We are here to offer our praise and thanksgiving. What will God accomplish among us in our hearts? Here we are, the young and old, The believing and doubting, Here God is, almighty and merciful, Gracious and just, So since we are here, and God is here, let us worship God. In the morning, as the clouds gather and break, We open our eyes and stretch our arms to a new day. As we gather, and the papers rustles and the pews creak, and old friends whisper together, We become the beloved community again. In our, in our words and songs and silence and prayers, We open ourselves to wonder, and gratitude, and praise. We thank you, O God, for the gift of this day. For this beautiful space, for the warm hearts that greet us. We thank you, O God, for the ability to come together to worship. For songs and prayers that sustain us not only in this hour, but in the days that unfold. We thank you, O God, for the blessings in our lives and in our world. May we lift our voices in thanks, even as we worship You. We come from all walks of life: And God calls us all. We bring our hearts to this time and place â€” hearts holding joy and sorrow, questions and wonders. And God knows us. We offer what we have to give: And God loves us. This time is our gift to God â€” A gift of song, and prayer, and silence, A gift of offering our lives in service to our Maker. Surrounded by all these gifts, let us worship God. We are children of God: Called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy. We are citizens of a nation: Called to care, and to respond, and to share our freedom. We are members of a community: Called to know each other, and to accept each other, and to welcome all. We belong to God, and through God, to one another. So may our hearts be as one, and let us worship our God. In the night our minds wrestle with worries and hopes; Could there be something holy in that? In the brightness of the morning, we seek a word from God; Let us be attentive to the voice of God this day.

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Hold fast to youth and beauty. by Elizabeth Arden from life Quotes and Sayings from my collection of quotes about life.

This is my take. Hang tight, lots more to come. Chapter 5 "What did you do? Vincent sat with his face in his hands, shaking. Vincent dismissed her with his eyes and stood, grabbing for his coat. This was so bad. At least take a hat! He glanced at Tori. She met his gaze, then returned to the back room. The whole damn world was falling apart. I want nothing more to do with him. In fact, I hope I never see his. Okay, take a breath. Are you driving like this right now? The conditions outside are nasty. I need to think. Thanks for the offer, but I still have to pack. After the encounter with Catherine a week ago, it was like he lived alone. Even Tori was starting to ask questions. Not a sign of life. He missed the warm colors the apartment had had before. Dude, last time she was here, she told you she was leaving. Make up your mind. On your way there, my friend. Pushing her away for her own good had seemed right at the time, but even he was coming to realize that was a terrible idea, and not what he really wanted. Now, it appeared, it was too late. His gut was hurting again. Truth, ugly as it was. Seriously think this through. What is it you really wantâ€”or who? Maybe she took off with Gabe for a while, who knows? She certainly deserves a little happiness. Gabe was waiting in the wings. He was moving easier these days, but there was still pain; now it was radiating to his heart. That was a relief. He felt conflicted over their relationship in so many ways and so, apparently, did JT. A muscle in his cheek clenched and unclenched. It is the holidays. We could both do with a little cheer around here. He dragged a weary hand across his face. You look a little. Seventy-five degrees here at Christmas! I plan to bring home a healthy tan. It will be fun. I realize you older types need that. I resemble that remark. I do have a couple of events to do. It is the holiday season, you know. Her encounter with Vincent still felt raw. One thing was for sureâ€”he still knew how to hurt her. I needed to clear my head. You might even meet the man of your dreams in Miami and decide to move down here with me permanently. Besides, I want you to meet the people I work with. A very tall, attractive distraction. Something you could really use, too. One night to sparkle. One night she could handle. Multiple Christmas trees, almost certainly fake, were tucked into each corner among dozens of lighted palms. The calm, muted colors of an east coast sunset filtered lazily through the glass-lined wall and into the room. No memories to muddle. It just feels like now. A small band was setting up in one corner of the dance floor. But here, we can make new memories; start new traditions. Catherine could see the logic in that. Everything was different, new. She suddenly envied her sister. As she peered around the room, she recognized the ambiance for what it was: The PR firm certainly spared no expense. Heather would do well here. Heather caught the covert glance. That dress looks great on you. You should fix your hair and makeup more often. But the man they approached was too old for her sister. She started to frown. Jason is the head of security for the firm. Jason, this is my sisterâ€”" "Catherine. Nice to meet you. The pleasure is definitely mine. But you two could be twins. Twins, yet only half-sisters, Catherine mused. If he only knew the story behind that. Some things never leave you. Heather piped in before she could dwell on that maudlin thought. My sister works in law enforcement. Even more amazing," he said, good-naturedly, still holding her hand. He just makes it sound like nothing. And I always keep my promises. What a nice change. Cat turned back to him, embarrassed. She took a deep breath and decided to enjoy it. I have a headache. She was a strange combination of ferocious and fragile, he was coming to realize. The headaches came up often, especially during their focus sessions. She was coming along, but not fast enough. A movie would be nice. No monsters running you down. You can go out, have a life-a little fun once in a while. And it felt more like home than that sterile boathouse ever had. At least not without red vines and a certain dark-haired beauty.

Chapter 7 : Hold fast to youth and beauty. by Elizabeth Arden from life Quotes and Sayings

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