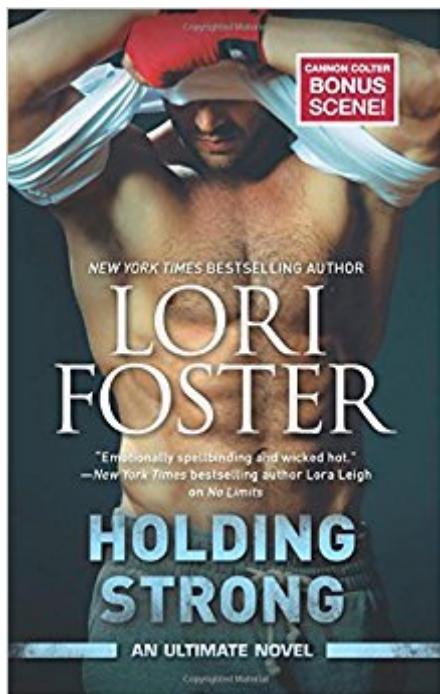


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# Holding Strong (An Ultimate Novel)



## Synopsis

An up-and-coming MMA fighter wants more than just one night from a woman fleeing her past in New York Times bestselling author Lori Foster's irresistible new novel. Heavyweight fighter Denver Lewis plays real nice, but he doesn't share. That's why he's been avoiding top-notch flirt Cherry Peyton. But a man can only resist those lush curves for so long. Their encounter surpasses all his fantasies, bringing out protective urges that Cherry's about to need more than she knows. Denver's combination of pure muscle and unexpected tenderness has been driving Cherry wild. Yet no sooner does she get what she's been craving than old troubles show up on her doorstep. And this time, Cherry can't hide behind a carefree facade. Because the man by her side is one who'll fight like hell to keep her safe; if only she'll trust him enough to let him.

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I'm giving this book a 5-star review because it deserves it. Though parts of it deserve a 9-star review. I am not lying when I say that Lori Foster has done a beyond amazing job on the book and that I LOVE it! But there are parts, specifically the parts with Armie and Rissy, that I'm surprised I'm even able to read through all the squealing I do. I am finding that as I am reading through the Ultimate series, my main goal is Armie's story. That in no way takes away the wonderfulness of the characters and stories leading up to it. Read this book! Enjoy the love and loyalty between trained MMA fighters and those they care about. You won't regret it. Happy Reading!!!

This is an excellent addition to this Ultimate series of books with the love story of Denver and Cherry. There is non stop action and suspense with Denver doing everything in his power to win Cherry's trust and to protect from her past. Cherry had liked Denver from the first day that she met him but he was trying to resist her but was not doing a very good job of it. He was jealous of every man that came near her until one guy would not take the hint and that made Denver snap into action to protect her. They had all driven up to watch the match and were staying over so Denver asked if she would go back to their hotel together and she could not believe he finally noticed her. They spent the night together making love and she fell asleep with him not realizing that she was actually sick with a fever and cough. This was the beginning of their love story where he took care of her and nursed her back to health and became her protector against her criminal foster brothers that were stalking her. It was amazing to read about this group of boxers that looked out for each other and

their loved ones. Cherry had to learn to trust Denver because she always had to look out for herself but now she had to believe what her heart was telling her that he would be there for her. It was a fabulous hot suspenseful romance that kept you on the edge of your seat as Cannon, Armie, Stack and Denver worked together to take down these evil guys that were intent on hurting Cherry and everyone in their way. Denver and Cherry's happily ever after was a story you do not want to miss reading because it was about two people that learned to trust and open their hearts to love. I am looking forward to Stacks and Vanity's love story next in this series.

I will honestly say I didn't read this the second it was delivered. I knew there was some suspense in it but I knew Denver and Cannon we're going to be very different plus I already knew Cannon and Yvette so I was vested in them. Denver is a great fighter with issues as many men have but his second stick close and shaped him. You'll understand them when you read the whole book. He is an alpha so with that being said there isn't much more to explain. Cherry past shaped her. Her as well and she is much stronger then she thinks. She had a horrible past one that left her run in at a young age from 3 psycho ""foster brothers"". There is so much more to that which is the suspense. It did finish up quickly. I thought it could of had something more but I did love the past characters appearance from the previous books/story lines. This was another win. I'm looking forward to Stacks book and I wish Armies was next.

As always Mrs. Foster has delivered in a big way! As the second book in the ultimate series, you get to watch as Denver and Cherry finally get off the fence and fight... For each others heart. After a steamy, sweaty hot night following Armies fight, Denver and Cherry burn up the sheets. Unknowingly Cherry is burning up in another way, all while her dangerous past is trying to rip the world she has so carefully created apart. An exceptionally amazing read that will leave you breathless with suspense and desire.

I swear to god Lori Foster can't write a bad book! Everything she comes out with is just absolutely amazing! Her fighters are just beyond sexy and dominate and damn near perfect! Now Holding Strong is book 2 in the Ultimate series and its Denver and Cherry's story and it's about time too! I am seriously loving watching all these bad boys fall and fall hard haha Denver is no exception and he's just no match....scratch that he and Cherry are a perfect match for each other and I couldn't be happier to watch them fall together in naughty bliss!! It's so steamy and just yummy. And we get to see more Armie!! Sorry sorry Denver and Cherry. Ok. It was shocking to see... I mean hear

(seriously Lori writes so good feel like you are there!) just how Cherry's past had played out and Denver's past issues with family. It's hard not to be horrified for Cherry and what she went through and Denver for the horrible situation he was put in I was so angry for them both. But this story shows that no matter where you came from or whatever you endured to get you where you are today you are a strong, capable, independent person and no one has a right to take that away. Lori Foster always puts such very real situations in her books and shows us how each character goes through the motions just like how real life people do and she does it with amazing skill and understanding that it feels so freaking real that you feel like you're actually living it, every breath, every hurt, every danger, every sinfully naughty moment and more you actually fantasize so deep you think it's you and damn if when you hit the last page reality sets in! Sigh..... Nobody does fighters like Lori Foster nobody!

Lori Foster's books are a consistently great read. This is the right way to introduce main characters for future stories. They play minor but important roles in this one. Cherry and Denver are a wonderful match. They each wants what's best for the other which means doing what the other wants least. Warfield Ohio, just north of Kentucky where your neighbors and hunky MMA fighters look out for you. Let's check it out.

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