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Cecille “CeCe” Cervetti lives her life by one rule: Never let a man control her heart, ever again.

CeCe has built a life to be proud of--she’s successful in business, and in lust. Men are her playground, to take from, and use to her body’s content. They can only have what she is willing to give, so don't try asking for more.

When an unknown stalker raises the stakes, ripping away her hard won control, CeCe reluctantly seeks help from the first, and last, man she gave her heart to before he vanished from her life--Jarod Gates.

As they struggle to unmask the stalker, CeCe and Jarod learn of each other’s scarred pasts—scars that made them who they are today. But when her body screams for Jarod’s touch, can CeCe manage to keep her control? Or will Jarod make her question the one rule she’s built her life on?

## **Breaking Spades Details**

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## From Reader Review Breaking Spades for online ebook

### Shayna says

Two broken souls find a way to heal each other. What an amazing journey Ms. Ferraro takes us on. I'm kicking myself for not starting this series sooner! Even though Breaking Spades is book 4 in the Hamden series, this can be read as a standalone. Be warned, if you are just like me and you started with Breaking Spades, once you are done, you will be itching to start at the beginning.

Full of hilarious banter, steamy love scenes, and suspense that will have you on the edge of your seat, Breaking Spades will have you hooked. I couldn't get through the pages fast enough. The characters were great, the chemistry was there and incredibly intense, and the backstory was heartbreaking. You will fall in love with Jarod Gates and Cecille "CeCe" Cervetti. You will have no choice but to care for them and want what's best for them, even though, at times, you might want to smack them around a bit for their stubbornness.

“Admit it, I make you feel all warm and fuzzy.”

“Yeah, like an ugly Christmas sweater.”

The beginning of Breaking Spades had me instantly in tears. I didn't know how Ms. Ferraro was going to redeem her hero after that madness. Don't worry, she does, in a major way! CeCe had her heart-broken in a way that you think will never mend. A young girl's dream of happily ever after, gone in an instant. That event has shaped the way CeCe deals with love and relationships. Her heart is surrounded by heavy walls, and no one is getting even close to breaking those walls...again.

“I'll just chalk it up to the fact you're an asshole. We're square on that front, now.”

Jarod Gates, you sexy, sexy man. How I would like to slap you! Jarod lost his mom in a horrific accident when he was young. His father gave him an ultimatum, get out or ship out to the military. So, the military it was. Events occurred that left him hurting and feeling like less of a man. Through all these horrible circumstances, he still remembers CeCe and the horrible way he left things with her. He will do anything to make it up to her.

“I may have climbed my way out of hell, but for you, I'm willing to go back at a moment's notice.”

Can a love that was once destroyed ever be repaired? You bet your ass it can! No matter how stubborn and sarcastic the people involved are. Not only are Jarod and CeCe dealing with their conflicting feelings for one another, but CeCe has her very own stalker that is very persistent. Jarod will do anything to keep her safe, no matter how much she bitches and complains. At first CeCe doesn't take it seriously and she has her suspicions, but it gets more intense and more dangerous. You are constantly guessing on who the culprit may be, and believe me I was shocked when I finally found out who it was. You won't see it coming people!

“You deserve better than me. You deserve all the happiness in the world, and if I had even a shred of decency in me, I would walk away from you, but I can't.”

When all the dust settles, and the bad guys are put away, and second chances are given, you will understand why Breaking Spades was such a great romantic suspense. It has everything you need to keep you satisfied: steamy, passionate sex scenes, heart-pounding suspense, and a love story that will melt your heart. Thank you W. Ferraro for a wonderful romance and a perfect epilogue. I applaud you my dear! Well done!

\*ARC provided by the author\*

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## **Maria's Book Blog says**

Each book in this series seriously gets better and better than the last! I have sworn that Dylan Cross is my Hamden Hottie of choice. that nobody else would be able to win me over, but lo and behold Jarod Gates has left me absolutely speechless.....and 100% Team Jarod!!!

At first I wanted to hate him for the way he treated Cece, he was a douche with a capital "D". But the fact the Cece was kinda badass (later on in life) and didn't let his crap slide totally made up for it. She is the epitome of what a strong, no nonsense lead female character should be. So of course I was instantly on her side & found her immensely likable.

The story itself was so easy to get into it, and while you could potentially pick this one up as a stand-alone I highly recommend starting from the beginning. W. Ferraro has a knack for creating the most "real" fictional characters I've ever come across. Her characters represent the average Joe (or Jane) and have real life responsibilities, problems & feelings. Her leading ladies have curves and aren't afraid to use them! So of course I'm sold.

Ms. Ferraro has combined the perfect blend of drama, mystery, and romance to keep you on the edge of your seat flipping (or swiping) from one page to the next. So prepare to be drawn in from the very beginning, and let your family & friends know you'll resurface when you're done reading!

\*\*On a personal note, I just have to say that is has been an absolutely incredible journey watching Wendy progress as an Author. I am prouder than words could possibly explain and am so beyond thrilled to be along for the ride.\*\*

I apologize if my thoughts are all over the place, Wendy and her Hamden Hotties have this effect on me!

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## **Three Chicks says**

4.5 Amazing Stars by Jen Skewes

Move over Wes Thompson, there is a new Hamden Hottie in town and his name is Jarod Gates. I am a huge fan of this series and Wes has always been my favorite. But I think that may have changed after meeting Jarod. Wendy Ferraro has completely outdone herself with Breaking Spades. This is by far the best one of the series. Breaking Spades is a hot, sexy, witty, and emotional story about a second chance at love.

Thirteen years ago CeCe was in love with Jarod Gates. She gave him her heat and her virginity and in return he completely shattered her. CeCe promised herself after that, that she would never give her heart away to anyone. She has had many men in her life but no one that she has ever loved. She doesn't allow herself to get attached or fall in love for fear of getting her heart broken again. But what happens when the one person you

gave your heart to all those years ago is suddenly back in your life?

CeCe is being stalked by someone and to help keep her safe her friend and “honorary” brother, Dylan has hired a PI to keep watch over her and to investigate the case. Who is the PI you ask? Yep, you guessed it, Jarod Gates. CeCe obviously wants nothing to do with him, all though her body tells her differently. But unfortunately for her she has no choice. Jarod will do everything he can to protect CeCe and to be honest I think his reasons for being so protective have nothing to do with money or his job.

It's been thirteen years since he walked away from her, but she has never been far from his mind. His memories and thoughts of CeCe is what kept him going all these years. Jarod wants more than to just be some guy who was hired to protect her. He wants to be in her life, as her friend and perhaps even more. When they do cross that line, CeCe swears that it is nothing more than sex, but for Jarod that couldn't be farther from the truth. But CeCe has put up so many walls around her heart that seem impossible to break. Will Jarod be the one to break down those walls, when he is part of the reason that they have been built in the first place?

I love Jarod!!!! Have I said that yet? Well I do. He was sexy as hell but you could tell deep down how he felt for CeCe. He was very protective of her and you know it had nothing to do with his job. He loved her even if it was something that he couldn't admit. CeCe was a great heroine. I get why she was so guarded and tried so hard not to get attached. Especially when it came to Jarod. She was still in love with him but getting too close and giving in scared the crap out of her. Will they both be able to give into their feelings for each other and get a second chance at love?

I loved this book so much. I am a huge fan of Wendy and this series. She has a way of creating these amazing characters. Hot sexy males that are simply amazing and heroines that we can all relate to and Breaking Spades was no different. Jarod was a complete mystery when we first met him and that is what made him so sexy and yet at the same time very intriguing. I needed to know why he left 13 years ago, and exactly what happened while he was gone. What were his fears and insecurities and did that have anything to do with him leaving?

Breaking Spades is definitely my favorite book in this series. It had just the right amount of drama and angst. The sexual tension between Jarod and CeCe was off the charts. There was this build up to that moment when they finally gave into each other and when they finally did it was HOT!!! And one of those moments that you will not forget. The suspense and drama was enough to keep you on the edge of your seat. I loved the flirty banter back and forth between them. It was what made them, them and they were completely made for each other. There were moments where I laughed, smiled and even cried. Moments where I got that lump in my throat and felt my eyes tearing up. Jarod and CeCe were perfect for each other. They had a chemistry that was undeniable. But not everything for them was all hearts and roses. There were certainly bumps along the way, but in the end you will be left smiling and with a Jarod hangover.

Breaking spades is an amazing story about second chances and love, and what lengths one will go to prove their love. Amazing job

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## Lydia H says

4.5 Stars!!

**Hamden definitely has a new hottie!!!** \*fans self\* Hello, Jarod!!!

*Breaking Spades* is the fourth installment in The Hamden Series. Please consider reading the books in order. All the characters from the first three books are very much present in this one.

I was so excited when I found out CeCe was getting her own book, and the fact that it would be about a second chance romance, sealed the deal for me. I was beyond ready to read this. When her character was introduced in Dylan's book, *Three of Spades*, I knew there was so much more to her. W. Ferraro did not let me down. This book kept me hooked from beginning to end!

After that prologue, I was not a fan of Jarod's. I felt as if he had broken my heart. I felt *so* humiliated and hurt, right along with CeCe. That little bar scene? OMG! I felt SO bad for her. He was downright *mean*. Of course, I knew or rather, *hoped* there was a reasonable explanation for his behavior. And while eventually I did understand *why*, I felt like CeCe was right for making him work for it later on. I felt like he did deserve her attitude and cold shoulder...to a certain point. Because let's face it, the guy was yummy and did have her best interest at heart. Slowly but surely, my opinion towards Jarod changed drastically. I was a goner.

***"I need you to know I'm not the selfish man you think I am."***

CeCe, a now successful store owner, had built a very high and strong wall around her heart. The same heart she had given to Jarod Gates many years ago and he had stomped all over. Because of Jarod, she never really gave any man a serious shot at a steady relationship. She used her smart-ass remarks and stubborn attitude to hide from the world the fact she was still, years later, hurting and very much in love with Jarod. Not that would EVER admit it.

An unfortunate situation brings Jarod and CeCe face-to-face after years without seeing each other. You see, CeCe had a stalker and things kept getting worse as the days passed. Dylan, being the ever-loving wonderful man that he was, hired Jarod to protect CeCe. Right off the bat, I felt their chemistry and sexual tension. It was clear as day they were madly in love. I mean, you would not "hate" a person that much if you didn't really love them. And that's how it was between them. Their banter was hilarious!!! They got on each other's nerves SO easily and drove each other nuts. Again, another clear sign of how much they needed to be together.

***"I don't like him with you!"***

***"And why the fuck not?"***

***"Because he isn't me!"***

No matter how hard Jarod tried, CeCe would not have it. She was now dating someone else. She was 'happy' and Jarod would not ruin her chance at true love. Ha!!!! Little did she know, *she* was running her own chances. But luckily, Jarod was persistent. He was not letting her go without a fight. He was not about to lose her all over again.

***"I love you more than any man has loved any woman. My heart beats your name. My lungs take in oxygen for the soul purpose of loving."***

OMG!! Do you see???? That. Man. He won MY heart right over without ANY hesitation. \*Swoon!\* Oh, and the sex between them?! Wowza!!! Talk about hot scenes!!!! \*\*Fireworks!!!\*\*

Well anyway, things got more complicate by the chapter. CeCe's stalker was very smart and knew what to do to NOT get caught. The stalker kept getting closer and closer to CeCe and it seemed no one knew how to put an end to it. Not even Jarod and not for the lack of trying. Once the suspenseful side of this book calmed

down, Jarod and CeCe were able to really give things a go, for real this time. I was so happy to see them FINALLY be completely honest about their feelings. It was as if I was able to breathe again because let me tell you, that CeCe sure was STUBBORN. But honestly, everything that happened, needed to happen for them to realize what they really meant to each other.

That..... Ending..... Aaaaaaaahhhh!!! I LOVED IT SO MUCH!!! It confirmed how truly amazing Jarod was and how much he loved his CeCe!!! Seriously, go read this book! Go fall in love with Jarod Gates! I highly recommend you do!

*“It has always been you, it will only ever be you.”*

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## Vanessa says

For full review: <http://fallinginfall.blogspot.com/201...>

I am such a huge fan of Wendy and her Hamden series and this one definitely cemented my love. Wendy has come up with stories that each person can relate to in some way and I love her writing style plus her imagination is pretty awesome. This is the fourth book in her series and my favorite by far, which is crazy considering how much I love her others. If you haven't had the pleasure of reading about the other Hamden hotties then please do so; you will not be disappointed. Breaking Spades is the story about Cecilia “Cece” Cervetti and Jarod Gates who have an ugly past that will put their future to the test. We meet Cece in the last book as Dylan's adopted little sister and if you read that book you know the story of how she and Dylan met. It is through Dylan that Cece and Jarod meet and sparks fly instantly but instead of jumping the gun, these two begin as friends. After a few shared kisses and touches, they have sex and Jarod, realizing his feelings for Cece are more than he's ready for, pushes her away and enlist into the Marines. Cece, heartbroken and feeling alone, promises that she will never let another man into her life and mess with her dreams again. Flash forward a couple of years and Cece is doing well for herself as clothing boutique owner. She's kept her promise of never letting a man get close and it's been going great for her, until a break in at her boutique changes what she thought she wanted forever. Nothing was stolen; all the money still in its drawers and all that was left was a bouquet of white roses. Enter Jarod who has turned into a private investigator that Dylan has hired to follow and watch her. Cece being stubborn, knows that she can't be anywhere near Jarod without old feelings and memories flooding back into her so she does what she can to make him leave her alone. Jarod isn't having any of it and fights her until she can no longer deny the attraction. They give into the passion but each for a different reason; Jarod to win her heart and Cece to let go once and for all. Do Cece and Jarod get their HEA or does the past come back to end something that never really got a chance to start? Read it people you will not be disappointed! Each of the books in the Hamden series can be read as a standalone but the couples from the each book pop in so you might want to read them just to get your back ground info. I highly recommend this book and this series. Another win for Wendy!!

Three of Hearts - Book 1 Mae and Seth's story  
Three of Spades- Book 2 Dylan and Natalie's story  
Three of Diamonds- Book 3 Wes and Lola's story  
Breaking Spades- Book 4 Cece and Jarod's story

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## **WEdwards says**

WOW!! Just WOW!

I got an ARC for an honest review...so here goes!

I don't write many reviews mainly due to the fact that I am unsure of if I can do these amazing books justice!  
But here goes anyways!

I have read all of the Hamden books and have fallen head over heels each and every time...therefore, I have been anticipating this books arrival since the last book (Three of Diamonds/Wes' book) released this past August! And just let me say W. Ferraro you DID NOT disappoint! I was hanging on every single word the entire book! I literally had to force myself to put the book down TWICE the first night I was reading it!

At the beginning of the book we get a glimpse into CeCe's horrible past that led her into the protective arms of her "brother" Dylan Cross. (Yes the Dylan Cross! Eeeep!) Starting with the abusive ex then to the night she was heart broken by none other than the man this very book is about! Jarod Gates! (YUMMY)

13 Years later.....

We learned in Three of Spades/Dylan's book...CeCe owns her own very successful clothing store. Which has been a dream of hers. One evening someone broke into her precious store only to leave her some very expensive roses with no card...which is only the beginning of may other harassing "gifts" from an unknown person. After several attempts by the police fail to find the unknown person harassing CeCe Dylan has enough and call in reinforcements.

Que Jarod...former Marine...sexy as HELLO!...

Dylan calls in a favor to Jarod and asks him to be a PI for him. Keeping an eye out on CeCe and trying to catch the mystery stalker! Only Dylan knows nothing of the past that Jarod and CeCe share.

CeCe uses everything she has taught herself to resist the pull that she and Dylan have toward each other- Reaching back into her past focusing on her hurt all those years ago to keep Jarod at arms length-Trying to protect herself and her heart! Does it work?

Fate...and Jarod...had other ideas!

While trying to protect CeCe and learn who the mystery stalker is Jarod trys with all his might to get closer to CeCe, which does lead to some VERY STEAMY scenes that will totally have you SWOONING! But even though they have these seriously HOT moments CeCe always pulls away. Terrified that he will hurt her. How will Jarod get her to see how much he has ALWAYS loved her?

This story has the perfect amount of spunk, mystery, suspense, and super sexiness! It is definitely a must read for EVERY LADY out there!

I do not want to spoil anything for anyone so this is where I am stopping! To know more you will have to

read the book! SO DO IT! READ THIS BOOK!! It is AMAZING!

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### **Kim says**

I was given an ARC in exchange for an honest review so here goes. Breaking Spades by W.Ferraro, let me just first say that I have read the previous 3 books in the Hamden series by Wendy and I loved them all. Now with Breaking Spades we get the chance to finally hear CeCe's story, she is Dylan's very good friend and envied by all the Hamden series ladies because she is such a free spirit. CeCe is beautiful, independent and refuses to let a man rule her life, she plays with men and tosses them aside when she is finished with them like a child would when they get bored with a toy, moving on to the next great toy/man. CeCe is still holding on to the heartbreak she was dealt 13 years before, both from abuse and betrayal and is reluctant to trust a man. With Dylan as her oldest and dearest friend he has always looked out for CeCe and protected her from day one and is the only man she has ever completely trusted. When CeCe finds herself in danger from a mysterious stalker, Dylan decides to hire his old friend Jarod to investigate the case and protect CeCe from her stalker. CeCe is not happy by this one bit, refusing to let Dylan get away with hiring Jarod, she tries to get him Jarod fired, to make him go away, but both men refuse to give into CeCe's wishes. You see Jarod is one of the men from her past that has broken her heart, but Dylan doesn't know this. I'm not going to go into any more details of the events of this book because I don't want to put any spoilers out there, I HATE SPOILERS! I will just say that once again W.Ferraro has blown me away with yet another Hot and Steamy love story. Not just that but there is a wonderful plot, one that little by little gets revealed to us. It's full of great scenes between CeCe and Dylan and the rollercoaster ride of their relationship as it evolves throughout this book. There are a couple of scenes that I especially enjoyed, and I must say that Wendy has an extremely fascinating imagination. She likes to put a little something special in each book to make her characters special in a way that you will remember them. I really enjoyed that there were surprises, one's that I certainly didn't figure out. This book was mysterious, fantasy inducing, laugh out loud, great fun to read. I have and will continue to recommend this book to my friends. I would give it a 6 star review if I could.

I give this book 6 out of 5 stars, but sadly I can only give it 5.

The Book Nuts ~ Kim

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### **Pamela Ebeler says**

Breaking Spades is the 4th installment of the Hamden series, and this series is filled with hot alpha men and the women they love.

Meet CeCe, she is independent, beautiful, successful, and is lying to herself when it comes to men. Does she date? Yes. Does she do commitments? NO. She was burned a long time ago, so she has decided that she will protect herself and not let another man hurt her.

Meet Jarod, a PI who is battling the pain from wounds he received in the war, along with battling the wounds he caused to the only woman he has ever loved. But will she give him a chance to prove to her that he is not the same man she remembers?

CeCe and Jarod share a past, a past that one wants never to relive and the other wants to continue what they

had.

After learning that she has a stalker, her oldest friend and only man she trusts, Dylan, decides he needs to protect her. He hires a PI to help catch the person who is threatening his friend, but not knowing the history between CeCe and Jarod, he has no idea how hard it is going to be to keep her safe.

CeCe refuses Jarod's help. She doesn't trust him. She fights with him every chance she gets. Jarod is determined to keep CeCe safe, and to show her his true feelings. There is danger lurking, and with no idea of who it may be, the two of them have to work together to keep CeCe safe.

Jarod is the quintessential hot alpha boyfriend, and since CeCe has already been down that road it is a total battle to the end. While Jarod tries to show just how much he has changed, it is the way CeCe has changed to protect herself that is the true battle. It may take several life changing events before CeCe decides if she will follow her head or her heart.

Breaking Spades may be the 4th installment to the Hamden series, but it can be read as a stand alone. The characters from the previous books make an appearance, just a FYI.

I received an ARC for an honest review.

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## **Kim says**

### **4.5 stars**

*Her defense mechanism might just be his self-destruct button.*

We met CeCe in Three of Spades as she is Dylan's long time friend and pseudo-sister. He introduced CeCe and Jarod when they were younger, and those two shared some significant moments that completely shaped the way their lives would play out.

Thirteen years later CeCe's business is broken into and she is getting gifts from an unknown source. Dylan and the police cannot find the perpetrator. So Dylan brings in their old friend, Jarod who is now a Private Investigator/Security Specialist. Dylan has no idea what happened to them back then or the storm he has just unleashed. CeCe is far from thrilled to be in Jarod's presence again. Jarod has regrets and demons that haunt him. But he sees this as a second chance with CeCe and he is going to pursue her despite her resistance.

*She was a double edge sword; she was his talisman, but also his trigger. She was certainly going to make this job harder than anything before. The question was, would he be willing to face the demons he has avoided for years and if he did, would he live with the fall out?*

Jarod and CeCe...Oh My! He pushes. She pushes back. He pursues. She runs. He falls back. She pursues. They spark and combust. They're afraid to open up and show vulnerability since their past is too painful and feelings are so raw. She has huge walls up due to his past actions. He has regrets. They are both unaware of the depth of feeling of the other. She was totally broken so she closed down. He had his reasons for leaving. But their communication and tolerance is impaired making it difficult for them to be on the same page at the same time.

I loved Jarod. He is damaged and guilt ridden, but strong and commanding. He has a good sense of humor, is sexy as Hell, but has an underlying vulnerability and insecurities too. Once you get past his cockiness and flirtation, you can see he was broken and truly needed a connection.

*"I may have climbed my way out of hell, but for you, I'm willing to go back at a moment's notice."*

CeCe is tough, feisty, guarded, and closed off. She is determined to be in control and not break. She does not want to be hurt again so she resists, denies, and runs. And in protecting herself she just keeps hurting them all. I seriously wanted to shake her at times and make her really see Jarod.

*She couldn't allow him to weave his way back into her life, in any form. If she gave him an inch, he would take a mile, and she just couldn't go back to that vulnerable girl again. She hadn't allowed anyone to alter her course, so why should the one man that made her choose it, be the one to implode it?*

In the midst of their sexual tension and emotional drama, CeCe is still being stalked. It escalates and that irritates their already frayed nerves. The tension builds not only between them, but with the case. A swirling mess of love, lust, jealousy, guilt, denial, longing, miscommunication, and pain affects them both and causes more confusion and challenges. There are twists, turns, and surprises. This couple has chemistry, passion, and past demons. But before they can move forward, they not only have to face the past, but also deal with the present threat and personal insecurities. There were times when my heart just hurt for each of them. But I was rooting for them all along.

Can Jarod keep her safe? And if he does will she ever allow herself to truly be his?

I loved getting more with Dylan, Natalie, Seth and Mae. Seeing the overprotective friend/adopted big-brother side of Dylan just melted my heart. And seeing Natalie come into her own and be able to manage her husband, Dylan made me smile. I love the Hamden community and network of friendships. They push each other and support each other. They always make me laugh. This was another sexy, engaging story in this series with added suspense and intrigue. And Jarod is another Hamden Hottie for sure.

Thanks to W. Ferraro for providing me with an arc in exchange for an honest review. Will be posted at Reviews by Tammy and Kim.

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## **Books&Dreams says**

I was gifted this book by the Author for an honest review.

I gave this book 5 stars.

This is the first book that I have read from the Author and it can be read as a stand alone novel.

This is Jarod and CeCe's story.

CeCe met Jarod when she was introduced to him by her brother. From that moment on she wanted to get to know him better. She would hang out where she knew he would be in hopes of getting just a glimpse of this glorious man. One night, one passion filled dream, and then he's gone. Jarod goes to the Marines and left CeCe. He was mean and he was harsh, but is it how he really felt?

Now years later CeCe is being stalked and her brother hires an investigator to help with the problem and it is none other than our Jarod Gates. CeCe is not happy about this. She has finally moved on so she thinks, she gives herself freely to horrible men, but the thing is she is in control and that is what she wants. What happens when Jarod comes back into her life and brings all the chaos that was there before? Will they finally be able to get past all the turmoil in their life and finally accept each other for who they are. And will they

finally see that they are great apart, but they are more than perfection together?

Poor CeCe I felt for this woman to be rejected the way she was and then for him to come back into her life like it was all okay. Well she thought that is how he felt. So she puts up walls, hey I would too. And she keeps her distance as best as she can. But that is hard for her.. I mean it would be hard for any of us to do with a hottie like him. Jarod, left CeCe to think he was a horrible person years ago, but she doesn't know it but he left because he didn't think he was good enough for her. Now they have wasted years because he hasn't dealt with the demons in his life. This journey between these two are great, and there is a side story of the stalker. Who is it? And what will happen if he gets his hands on CeCe? I was so engrossed in this book I never even looked down to see how far along I was in the book. Which I do often. It kept me on my toes, and was amazing at that.. I will be reading the other books in this series. Thank you for this amazing book, and for sharing it with us.

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## **Booty Dancin Graphix BOOK fri-ENDS says**

ARC Was Given To The Blog For An Honest Review

From the moment I saw that I had a chance to read Breaking Spades, Book 4 in the Hamden crew, I jumped... literally jumped at the chance to read this book and oh how I've missed my Hamden men and gals!!!

When it comes to the Hamden men, before I read Breaking Spades, no one came close to Seth Fin. He was my man ALL! THE! WAY! Well, let me just say now that I've been formally introduced to Jarrod Gates, though it breaks my heart just a little, Seth who??? But ladies, Jarrod is the package of pure lickable lusciousness that will put a smile on your face and a wet spot in your under garments if you get what I'm saying. Now make no mistake, he totally holds the candle for asshat of the year, but once I got to know him and I mean really know him and his story, my view of him did a complete 180 and my heart swelled for him. Oh and by the way have I mentioned that he's a Marine and Alpha, need I say more?

Ever since Three of Spades, book 2 of the Hamden Series, CeCe has been my girl. What a kinship I feel towards her. With her outspoken, no filter, I tell it like it is personality just puts a complete smile on my face. I just love "REAL" women. CeCe is a beautiful stylish female who is all strength but you come to realize that behind all that strength is a wall that is tighter than Fort Knox and that's something that I believe that not only me but a lot of people can relate to. When CeCe finds herself the target to a stage 5 clinger stalker, her very over protective brother from another mother, Dylan hires the newest Hamden hottie Jarrod Gates to help protect her. However, to say she is less than thrilled with this move is putting it mildly.

Every time I read one of W. Ferraro's books, I can't help but get swept away with her writing that takes me from reality and brings me into the life of her stories. I love it when I feel like I'm living the life of the character of the book I'm reading. That I believe is an amazing feat to be able to do. I have yet to be disappointed by any of W. Ferraro's books and I'm always left feeling every emotion portrayed and wanting more. If you have yet to be introduced to the Hamden crew, I suggest you get right on top of that and start clicking, I know you will love them just as much as I do and won't be able to wait for the next hot male to enter Hamden.

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## Erin says

This book was received from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I am a fan of Ms. Ferraro. I have read all about Hamden and the characters in her other books. I have devoured each one. Now, after reading *Breaking Spades*, I may have more of an obsession-bordering-on-the-edge-of-psychosis feeling about her, and an unhealthy addiction to a fictional town in Vermont and the mega-hot men that reside there.

Cecille (CeCe) Cervetti is a woman who knows what she wants and how to get it. She's beautiful, smart, sassy and driven, and has every man bowing to her every command. She has presence and sex appeal that drives a man crazy and makes a woman jealous. She is a loyal and trusting friend, fiercely protective, and someone you want to know and hang out with. But, as with anyone, there are reasons behind her "take no prisoners" approach to her bed and her heart, and that reason is Jarod Gates. Jarod broke CeCe's heart many years ago. Then he ran off to join the military. CeCe decided that no man would EVER do that to her again. So when she begins to have mystery flowers left for her, her "brother from another mother," Dylan, takes matters into his own hands and hires the best private investigator to trail CeCe and to get to the bottom of the stalker situation. And that PI is none other than the bronzed Adonis that is Jarod Gates.

Jarod and CeCe still have that electric connection, twelve years later. They both can feel it, but she refuses to acknowledge it. She still hurts, and seeing this person responsible for her pain all grown up this close to her sends her mind into overload. And since she has managed by herself on her own all these years, what is the point of having HIM trail her. But Dylan listens to none of her protests, so she is stuck. With Jared. Hotter-than-hell, ass to die for, aviator wearing, smirk-delivering Jared. Crap. And when they do eventually fall back in bed with each other, holy effing hotness! They are a combustible couple.

*Breaking Spades* is an incredible story about love and forgiveness. It's also a story of growth and acceptance, both of others and of one's self. As CeCe and Jarod get reacquainted, you get to witness their determination to both cling and repel each other, which ultimately heals them both and brings them together. I was hooked immediately because Ms. Ferraro sucked me in with her set up and characters. Because I was so invested in the characters, I actually found it hard to put down. Then I was sad when it ended because I want to know what happens to them in the future. That is the mark of a good book, and a good author, for me. I'm completely satisfied and look forward to more. I would give this 5/5 stars.

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## Marie says

This was my first book in the Hamden series that I have read, and I am a fan. I am hooked, and already picked up *Three of Hearts* and *Three of Spades*.

Jarod is seriously H.O.T and the whole story I couldn't wait to see what he would say or do next. I just felt that he had a "way" about him, what woman can resist.

CeCe, just WoW. She is incredible, to come back from so much hurt, and be able to take control of her life and succeed how she has. Just amazing.

Jaron and CeCe together, flames ignite and these two will never be the same.

Thrown together when someone is after CeCe, his CeCe, Jarod will do anything necessary to keep her safe.

Only problem is CeCe. She has built her self to need no one, least of all Jarod Gates, and she wastes no time letting him know exactly where he can go. Yet anytime she needs him he is there.

Can Jarod get past the wall built around her heart, can he give her everything he has to show her how he feels. Will she accept him, will she trust him with her life, and with her heart.

I so loved this story and gave it 5 stars.

~Marie O, review based on a free ARC received for an honest review on behalf of This Redhead LOVES Books Blog~

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## **Bethany says**

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Well. I have to say it. I love W. Ferraro. By the way, when I say love... I mean I'm completely obsessed with her writing. I've had the pleasure of reading all four of her books now, and I have to say... I'm STILL impressed. This is by far one of the best series that I have read. (Even though each book can be read as individual standalone novel.) I've been love-struck with each of the characters in her novels. Let me tell you, Jarod is no exception to that! I fell for him pretty hard.

**“I’m every bit the asshole you accuse me of being, but please, just let me experience peace again.”**

I think of all the books in this series, the character of CeCe is probably my favorite. I mean I still LOVE the rest of the ladies... but CeCe is strong, independent, sassy, and confident. CeCe made a promise to herself, and made sure to keep it. Let's not forget about Jarod. Jarod is the definition of sexy. A bad ass womanizer with a military background. Although he has the bad ass tendencies, and douchebag nature, he is absolutely charming and more than 100% devoted to CeCe. The love that Jarod had for CeCe was irreplaceable and the determination to show her his love is astonishing. The sheer conviction towards one another was completely out of this world. Jarod desperately wants to correct the wrongs that he has made with CeCe. Especially with the past between the two being so complicated. Jarod hurt CeCe. However, they both left marks on each other's hearts.

**“I love you more than any man has loved any woman. My heart beats your name. My lungs take in oxygen for the soul purpose of loving you. My brain is wired to love you, and serve only you. But I guess that is my fault. And as sure as I am of my love for you, I’m sure of your love for me.”**

W. Ferraro takes you on a mind blowing journey with blasts from the past and follows up with the present, then brightly shines light into the future. I really get the feels when I read a book by W. I always feel like I've been warped into the Hamden world, where I just get to be a fly on the wall. I was pleasantly surprised with the whole edge to this edition in the Hamden series. W. Ferraro kept me guessing until the very end of the novel, and even then I was like “Whaaaaaaat!?” I can't believe I completely didn't see it being who it was! Gah. I think I went through about 3 different theories about who was the bad guy. I thought I was all slick with it, by thinking it was a certain person... and I was totally wrong!

**“...by short while, I meant we will start with infinity, and work our way up.”**

W. Ferraro definitely delivered EVERYTHING you could ask for in a novel in Breaking Spades. Every novel this woman writes gets better and better. I can honestly say that I will always be waiting for the next

book that she writes. I can't give this woman enough praise. All I can hope is that you'll go out and buy her books, because they're completely amazing.

**“Out of broken pieces of one's life comes a stronger and impenetrable hold on one's respect and gratitude for every day you're allowed to live your dream, wide awake.”**

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## Nikki says

### ARC Was Given To Blog For An Honest Review

Yes please! Is what I say when I have the opportunity to have another Hamden Hottie. I am so pleased that I was able to read Breaking Spades; I had wondered what CeCe's story was. I knew from the previous books that she was a spitfire and very much loved by Dylan. He was like a big brother to her and very protective. If you want to know about Dylan you will have to read the other books first!! I loved him.

CeCe's character is strong, smart, witty but very guarded, especially with her heart. I am a big fan of strong female leads especially when you know that underneath all that smart mouth. The “I do not care attitude” is in fact someone who wants and needs true love. I was pissed at her at times because she did seem to have some pretty good men in her life that could have made her happy if she gave them half a chance.

Jarod. Yes, he is the new Hamden Hottie. Oh boy, is this boy smoking hot! He happens to be the cause of much of the strife that CeCe has gone through and why she is the way she is. I do not like what his actions were at all but I totally forgave him, why I forgave him? Well read the book and find out. Jarod will surprise you and the secrets he has been keeping in regards to CeCe left me flabbergasted. There is a lot of depth to character of Jarod and my heart throbbed in my chest ready to explode with love for this man.

When these two come together again for the first time after many years, I swear I could see smoke rising out of my iPad and not just because the two are so hot together, which they are really hot, but because CeCe is furious with him and wants nothing to do with him. I loved the scenes when Jarod goes all Alpha on her ass.

This story has a bit of suspense to it. It has a who done it feel which will have you guessing pretty much to the very end. I know I did. W. Ferraro has given me another winner and another to love and want in my bed at night. I need to move to this town and quick. How she managed to put such a different spin on this story to make it feel fresh and different truly amazes me. She is definitely four for four with me. If you have not read the other books in her series start now, all the books can be read as standalone but will make more sense if you read them in order. Three of Hearts, Three of Spades, and Three of Diamonds are the first three in the series. I am now wondering and hoping that she brings us the next suit, Three of Clubs Maybe??? Hint, hint, are you getting that W. Ferraro? If not that is ok, I will be reading anything she writes!

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