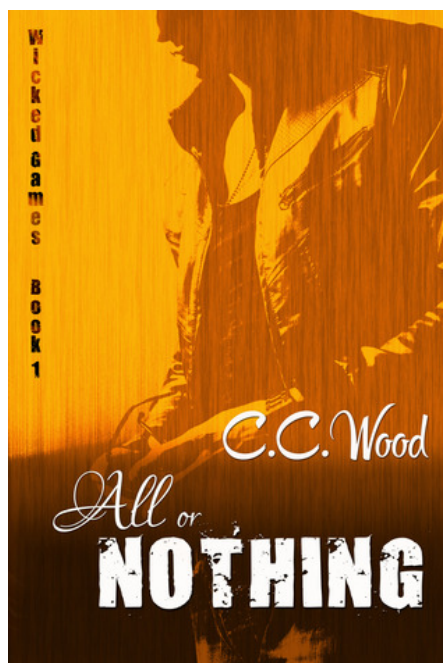




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He ruined me.

Even though I knew he was playing games, I couldn't resist him. He was under my skin, in my blood, and deep in my bones.

He saved me.

My life was a lie and I had no idea. He forced me to see the truth. Although it hurt, he healed me.

Because of him, I was strong enough to survive.

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From Reader Review All or Nothing for online ebook

Mary Mooney says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads, so here is my review. WOW, this is one of those books that will have you on the edge of your seat from the very first page until the end and what a story it is. Jena is with her BFF's for a girls night out when she is noticed by a man that keeps staring at her. When Jena looks his way, he is still staring. When he makes his way over to her, they hit it off and a new relationship has begun. After months of dating and Jena is finding herself falling for Justin, he is killed and she is devastated and doesn't want to do anything. With the help of King, Justin's friend who he never mentioned, Jena begins to live again. And King wants her and she is finding it hard to resist him. King is a total alpha male who is strong-will and protective of Jena. While Jena is strong-will, and over-protective of her independence. King only wants to keep her safe and the head-butting that they do seems to draw them closer. When Jena learns the truth about Justin and King, can she ever trust anything he says again? And why has one of her friends just dropped off her radar? This story is full of suspense, a little romance and maybe a happy ending for all. This is a first for me from C.C. Wood and I can't wait for more from her. The next book will be about Tia, Jena's cousin, and there is a little about her story at the end.

Michelle [Helen Geek] says

09/15/2015 -- 1st person insta-love and not for me.

Lady Heather says

HAPPY RELEASE DAY!

Amazing!

5 shiny stars!

LOVED the characters, writing and story line!

King is the perfect badness alpha and Jena an awesome sassy-kickass female lead.

READ THIS BOOK!!

Full review come!

Ginger Snaps says

Where to begin? This is a little different from author C.C. Wood's other books, in that I believe it's her first erotic novel. (though she's no stranger to writing a good sex scene) And hell yeah it was steamy mcsteamy! I don't want to give too much away. I read this book without reading the premise. What I loved about this book is that I couldn't put it down. I read it from start to finish, in one day. And there were so many twists and turns that I didn't see coming. I LOVE when an author surprises me. Especially when she surprises me again and again. Though this is first in a series, this can be read as a standalone with an HEA. And I know I'm jumping the gun here since this book hasn't even been released yet, but I can't WAIT to read the next book in this series! So author C.C. Wood did an excellent job in this erotic romance and I can't wait to read more! I highly recommend it.

I was given an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Red Cheeks Reads says

"This thing between you and me, it's happening. You won't admit it, but you want me. You can't keep your goddamn hands off of me. Your mouth says you don't wanna do this, but your body, well, it's fuckin' honest. As soon as I touch that pussy, you shut up and spread. Until that doesn't happen anymore, it's mine."

I have been a fan of C.C. Wood's book since I first read her Girl Next Door series and have devoured everything she has put out since. All or Nothing is C.C.'s first real leap into erotic romance and she hits it out of the park. I was intrigued by the synopsis and captivated by the story, full of twists and turns that kept me guessing till the very end. All or Nothing was a surprising read that has been begging for her to produce more books in this genre.

This book is difficult to wrap up without giving away spoilers so I am going to keep this part short. I honestly believe that you will enjoy it more if you go in with a minimal amount of information. The book starts with Jena starting to date and falling for new boyfriend. Justin. After months of dating Justin's best friend, King, appears even though he has never even mentioned him before. It was hate at first sight lol ok so not hate but from the very beginning King rubs Jena the wrong way and to way she is weary of him is an understatement.

"Sit. Your. Ass. Down. Jena," he barked. "Fuck you, King!" I shouted.

Based off what I thought I knew I believed I was going into some sort of cheater book or a love triangle so I was surprised to find that neither of these are true. And while I refuse to tell you any more that goes down just know that the relationship between Jena and King that develops is organic and true.

King was the kind of Alpha Male I dream of. Possessive and protective he went out of his way to do what was right for Jena and give her everything she desires even the desires she doesn't know about. Jena is a strong willed heroine who doesn't just roll over and let a man take over her life. She stands her ground and

refuses to be less than anyone's equal (not that King would want anything less from her) Jena is as surprised as the rest of us when she finds that as much of a fighter that she is in life she gets off on submitting in the bedroom. Somewhat confused by these new and exciting feelings she is both scared and aroused by the things that King can do to her heart and her body.

'Then he kissed me, as light and gentle as butterfly wings, and the tears returned. I knew right then that King was in my heart, whether I wanted him there or not. Whether he wanted to be there or not. And when he left, my heart would just break. The part where he resided would wither and die.'

All or Nothing is the first book in the Wicked Games series but is stand alone novel that gives us that happily ever after we all crave. Fast paced and well written book All or Nothing is a book that kept me excited to keep turning the page to see what would happen next. Supremely sexy and action packed it had everything I love in a good erotic novel and then some.

~miranda

Beth says

4.5 King Stars

Move over Alpha Males. There is a new King in town. He is sexy, charming, dirty talking and over protective with a capital O. That Big O stands for something else too. (wink wink)

Jena is a bookkeeper. She gets together with her girlfriends every week. Has a few margaritas. Nothing too exciting. She has a boyfriend who is sweet. Good to her. But the boyfriend has a friend.....Oh My.

Now I don't do spoilers. So I am not going to give you how he went from a friend of a friend to what he becomes. You will have to experience that What The Hell for yourself.

Like all things involving King Sloan chaos would eventually rule and the illusion of constraint would be shattered.

King knows what he wants. He has been content with power and one night stands. But when he meets Jena his priorities shift. The problem is that his power has gotten him a list of enemies. Who now have Jena on their radar.

I loved this book. Ms Wood has given us a sexy Alpha trying to make things right. Jena is stubborn and sassy and totally has King's number. The story is fast paced and filled with head turning twists. Don't assume you know where this one is going.

The last of my resistance shattered and I fell headlong into love with King. It didn't even hurt a little.

The writing is sharp and keeps you moving through the story. Even when you want it to slow down so you can savor all that is King.

Shari Kay says

2.5 ★

This was...different. Though the plot had a pretty impressive twist... I didn't find it overly believable. The author has a pleasant voice, but she didn't make me *buy it*...any of it.

Our heroine meets and falls in love with Justin(no he is not the H). We don't see much of them together, the book is written in large time gaps for the first few chapters, so I didn't connect. I was told they were together for 7 mo. and the sex was good and she loved him. Okay? So when that relationship didn't work out (view spoiler) I didn't really feel her emotions.

Then it jumps again. A year and half later she reconnects with Justin's bf, King. She never liked him...couldn't stand him, actually. But she's so ready for a man after all that time that she decides to just go with it...sexathon ensues. It's rough, he's dominant and she loves it. A strange F-buddy relationship develops...she starts to like him...he has secrets. F-buddy turns into...F-buddy who she dates...kinda.

Jena knows something is off. King doesn't talk about his life but know *everything* about hers. She knows her heart is in major danger so she breaks it off with King after finding out he slept with one of her best friends (before they got together) and never bothered to mention it. And btw, it made zero sense that he would sleep with this particular woman...of all women.(view spoiler) Again...no.

Okay.....are you still with me? I'm feeling nothing here. I don't feel super sad about their breakup at all. I'm just...irritated with it because it makes no sense. Jena doesn't make sense. King doesn't make sense.

They don't speak for months(another time jump) and Jena is attracted for the first time since the breakup with King to a new man, Eric. At this point I'm like WTF? Another guy?? But King reenters the picture (view spoiler) and 'shite hits the fan'. Well, it was suppose to. As I said above I didn't buy it. I think I actually rolled my eyes. And then....and *then*...though she says she will never forgive him for his 'betrayal' she of course *does*. And this is not trivial...the 'twist' had huge implications for her. It messed with her emotions, life and safety for 3 years!! I personally would be "oh, hell no". And though yes, he does do some groveling, King doesn't have to do it for long. Though her brain and mouth are saying "I'll never forgive you," her body and actions are saying, "give it to me, baby." Again....nope. Nada feels.

King has a lobotomy...no not really, but he makes a 180. Jena becomes TSTL. Something-something about a dangerous mobster. A ex-friend becomes a lunatic druggy. King's boss, and Jena's cousin make an appearance for sequel sake. Some more mistrust, some danger, and then, (view spoiler) Squee! The end.

It wasn't all bad. I finished it. I didn't skim. The sex scenes were well done. I just never got enough to connect with the characters. It's a novella. I finished it a few hours. The ideas here are good enough for a full length book. If the author had given us more: More interactions. More motive explanation. More answers. More background on who King is, put us in King's head...anything. This could have been really great.

Would I read more by this author...*eh*, probably not.

Amy says

All Or Nothing – Wicked Games #1

C. C. Wood

5 stars

I LOVE IT when I get the pleasure of reading a new author or new to me at least. Holy wow this was a great read. There is not one dull moment in this story with any of these characters. Just when you think things are settling down its wham ... right in the kisser blindsided.

The book is divided into parts and its definitely appropriate. This story spans over a three year time frame and dang its good. Part One: The First Move – Jean meets Justin on a girls night out. They are filling up on happy hour margaritas at their favorite local bar on Thursday night girls date night. Justin rocks Jena's world with one kiss. Six months later having spent almost every minute with Justin and she go out to meet a close friend of Justin's but funny how after six months he has never mentioned him. Alaric "King" Sloan. Jena despises the man the minute she lays eyes on him and he is laying eyes all over her. After a tornadic exchange between Jena and King she never wants to see the man again. One month later, tragedy strikes. Everything has changed. Justin was murdered.

A year has passed. Katie and Ashley are no longer attending girls nights as Katie has gone off the deep end but they are trying to get together still. Attempting the Thursday night girls date the trio meets up back at their favorite bar; the clientele is rougher than ever, Katie's clothes are shorter, her hair is wild and make up in disarray. Not only has Katie's actions hurt Jena and her relationship but Ashley rarely comes around because of it.

And this is where the whirlwind beings. Confused, alone and desperate for someone's touch Jena decides anyone will do for tonight. Justin has been gone forever. Looking around the bar she decides on one giving him a chance to pursue her but then everything comes flooding back and she cant. Fleeing to the hallway to where she and Justin first kissed the douche bag decides to follow her. Being grabbed from behind she struggles only to find herself in the arms of Alaric Sloan and thank god because Mr. Douche Bag followed her. Jena ends up getting what she originally wanted but not from who she thought and it is OH SO FREAKING WICKED AND GOOD. It begins King Sloan earns his name and then some.

Part Two: Dirty Trick -- Um yeah ... all you are getting is are you freaking kidding me! Yeah you thought this was a sweet book with Jena being a nasty hoe for banging the man she despised. Oh girl .. you have no idea. Im not judging anyway because I say get it girl .. but I know some of you will!

Part Three: The End Game – but its not. Its just the beginning. Renaldo is coming for them. Tia, Wick (um yeah you will be wanting to lick him too just like King), Jena, Jack. Yup ... its going to be a good one. Im not telling you anything else. Tia – dear lord thank you C. C. for the badass chick written into the story line. Katie leaves a lot of questions that need answered.

You are out of luck until 2016 though fans. We wont get another release until then and Im going to die. Tia and Wick are coming at us. C.C. tortures us by giving us an Epilogue and no Jena and King's story isn't over. This is all a nicely woven web of betrayal and hell coming at us but not soon enough!

GREAT GREAT READ! Review to appear on Ramblings From Beneath The Sheets blog on release day. I was provided an ARC for an honest review. Thanks C.C. Reed for torturing me! Im dying here ..

E Low the says

C.C. Wood has done it again! She took me to a place that she has never taken me before. She has always done sexy time great, but this time....damn did she turn up the heat!!! I love me a good anti-hero and King has been added to my list of favorite bad boys. And Jena...she could take everything that was dished out with an attitude that I admire. I loved all the twists and turns that this book had to offer, I think I was on the edge of my seat the whole time! All or Nothing is book 1 in the Wicked Games series and there is an HEA, so no big cliffies for King and Jena and C.C does set you up nicely for book 2 which I cannot wait for!!!! I have to say that I have loved everything that C.C. has written but in my opinion this is her best work yet!

****I was given an ARC in exchange for an honest review****
(Also reviewed for Shey's Book Cave)

seton says

Genre: mob romance
Sensuality: X

Ann says

2.5 stars. Guess I've read WAY too many bks and at this point just getting choosier (and aren't those bks just darn hard to find). This one was a rec from a reader forum and got plenty of 4 and 5 stars here on Goodreads. Couldn't find the love here and frankly just don't get it.

One of the things I detest most in a Hero is when he tells the heroine to shut up. Yea, I like my bossy Hero's alpha but that's a no go for me. And this happens more than once here. Another uh-uh no way for me is when the H treats the h like crap and then she "oh my god" just can't get enough. Plenty of that here too. That's a big fat UGH please NO MORE eye roll.

King lies so many times to Jena, sets her up, screws her over, screws one of her best friends (not while there together though) and she's fallen for him. Whut...you say? Yep! Just doesn't make sense especially when the h likes to speak her mind and is considered a bitch (because she's mouthy). Jena seemed more like a pushover where King's concerned.

The drama escalates into ridiculousness (or more ridiculousness) which is a set up for bk 2. For me this one had an undeveloped story, no depth, lack of likeable character qualities and too much WTH drama that just seemed tossed in the mix. This one should have been a DFN but I kept reading hoping the story could redeem itself....sadly no. I say spare yourself!

****Vee** says**

I loved the writing! Right from the start it managed to tell me what was happening, content wise I should have enjoyed it but I knew that it wasn't what I wanted and then BAM it hit it and I loved it, it made sense. It was hot, I was falling with them and the WHAM it shocked me but I still loved it while I wanted to scream WTF! It made me love imperfect characters who I should have written off but it redeemed them and I was in love with a new BBF! It hinted at what was to come next and I just can't wait!

Vanessa says

****Full Review—All or Nothing by C.C. Wood****

“His arm wrapped around my waist, anchoring me close to him, and I lost all will to argue. It felt so good to be held that I no longer gave a damn who was doing it. I just needed the comfort.”

It's amazing how you can picture a story going one direction and you're taken on a completely different ride with something altogether not what was expected. That is what *All or Nothing* was for me. When I started reading I was pulled in by the forbidden attraction, the disgust of being openly propositioned while attached to someone else. I was convinced the good guy would get the girl...

And I guess he did. Only he wasn't the good guy I thought he was...nor was the bad guy for that matter. I missed sleep over this story, and the torture of my stomach twisting in knots over what was, is, and will be, made each page deliciously enticing to keep going.

These pages are full of deception, envy, lust, and pure animalistic passion. Forget love, for some reason King and Jena's story transcends that emotion all together...at least for me. She's sassy, smart, and opinionated. He's brooding, mysterious, and 100% alpha. He makes no apologies (except one) and takes no prisoners. She takes no crap (except his—sort of) and holds nothing back. When they collide, it's explosive...and when push comes to shove, there are no greater feats than keeping the other safe.

So, when Jena realizes her life has been orchestrated and manipulated by people she trusted, things no longer look black and white. The man she thought was her forever is replaced by a man she never saw coming; yet can't seem to let go of, no matter the cost.

“When he smiled down at me, I felt as though a band was wrapped around my chest, squeezing tight. I suddenly realized I was making a colossal mistake. I was falling in love with King, which could only end in one way. My heartbreak.”>

****4.5 Rollercoaster Stars****

Terrie's Just Another Book B*tch says

All Or Nothing is book 1 in the new *Wicked Games* series by C.C. Wood

All or Nothing contains some of my favorite aspects in any novel.

A sexy, demanding, overprotective alpha....

A no nonsense, independent, headstrong heroine that I think everyone can connect with...

Let me just jump right into the fact that I LOVE the men in this novel. Each Alpha introduced is better than the last. You won't be able to help but fall in instant lust with them.

King comes off so cocky and sexy, that we instantly want him just as bad, if not more than Jena does! Jena has a love hate relationship with King. *(And let's be honest....that's better than instalove 99% of the time anyway, right!)* The physical attraction they have towards each other leaps off the pages and gives us one thigh clenching erotic read. Combine that unexpected twists, and you have a 5 star read and a great beginning to what is sure to be a fantastic series.

What I love about CC Wood's writing style is that it's full of character, story, and twists. She doesn't pad her novel's with "fluff" to hit word count. Which saves us from any dull moments or stale reading time, hoping that the books picks up again.No matter what she writes I know that each book to come is sure to be better than the last.

I CAN'T WAIT for the next Wicked Games!

Cheri says

When Jena first met King, (her boyfriend best friend) only there was 2 problems. Justin had never mentioned him and Jena hated him on sight. Things happen that changes Jena's life forever. King is there for her physically, but not in the way she needs him most - emotionally. When King finally does open up to her, it might be a little to late. So King has to not only try to keep her safe. He was to win her trust back. As we find out that Jena's so called love of her life was a complete douche bag and her best friend wasn't much better. King doesn't start out as a likable person but by the end of the book we know that he is completely a different person then we thought and that he loved Jena more than anything in this world
