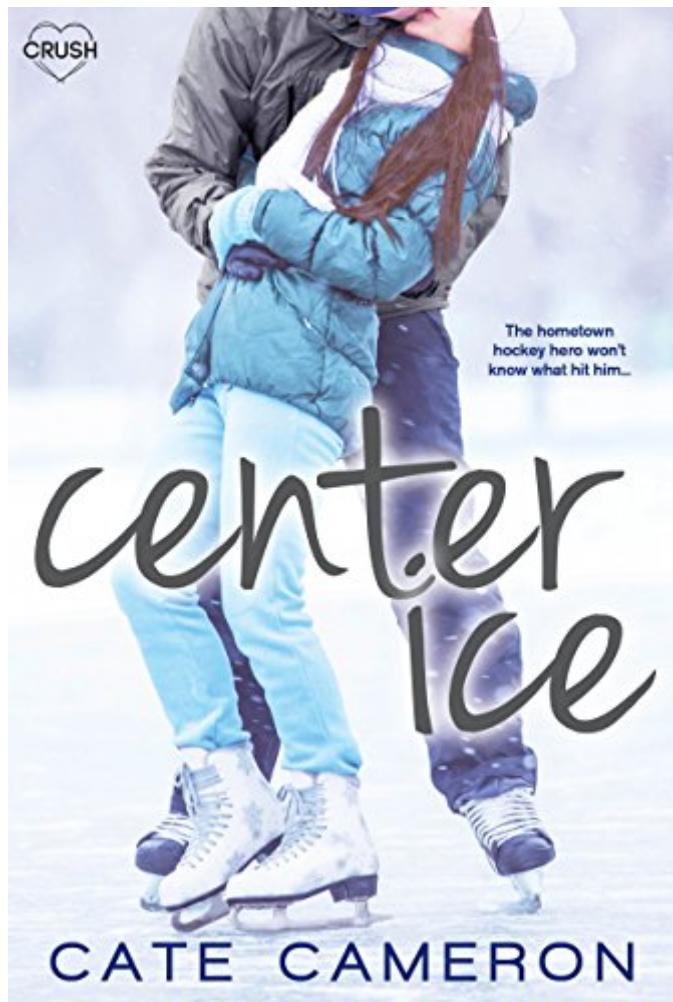


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# Center Ice (Corrigan Falls Raiders)



## Synopsis

Karen Webber is in small-town hell. After her mother's death, she moved to Corrigan Falls to live with strangers—her dad and his perfect, shiny new family—and there doesn't seem to be room for a city girl with a chip on her shoulder. The only person who makes her feel like a real human being is Tyler MacDonald. But Karen isn't interested in starting something with a player. And that's all she keeps hearing about Tyler. Corrigan Falls is a hockey town, and Tyler's the star player. But the viselike pressure from his father and his agent are sending him dangerously close to the edge. All people see is hockey—except Karen. Now they've managed to find something in each other that they both desperately need. And for the first time, Tyler is playing for keeps. [The hometown hockey hero won't know what hit him.] **Disclaimer:** This Entangled Teen Crush book contains adult language, underage drinking, sexual situations, and crazy squirrels. It may cause you to become a fan of hockey—or at least hot hockey players. Each book in the Corrigan Falls Raiders series is a standalone, full-length story that can be enjoyed out of order. **Series Order:** Book #1 Center Ice Book #2 Playing Defense Book #3 Winging It Book #4 Breakaway

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## Customer Reviews

I am on a hockey reading streak this week. Tyler's character won me over too quickly I think. Karen's character definitely has flaws and what she goes through resonated with me. Most of Entangled CRUSH's titles have the same theme. Characters don't know each other until 15%, relationship goes well until 75%, break up and then get back together at 80-85%. HEA til the end. This book completely breaks that queue. Totally a winner in my opinion. Time for the next book!

A real nice story about seniors in a small town high school. In Corrigan Falls, everything is hockey. And Tyler MacDonald is the town hero, star of the Corrigan Falls Raiders hockey team. He's constantly besieged by his dad and his agents to train harder, work harder so he can get drafted into the NHL. Also, as the hockey star, he gets to enjoy a lot of puck bunnies, that is, until Karen arrives in town. Karen lost her mother in a car accident. Her father brought her to live, from Toronto, to this little town. Her father had never married her mother. Will had cheated on his wife Natalie with Karen's mom. He went back to Natalie, was forgiven, they have 3 kids, but he continues to cheat. Karen is full of resentment, sadness and angry that she has to live with her dad's "perfect" family. She rejects any attempt that Will or Natalie make to include her in family activities. She alleviates her depression by running, and she meets Tyler on one of those runs. From here ensues a sweet love story between Tyler and Karen, but there's much more involved in the plot. There's redemption, forgiveness, dealing with loss, the ruthlessness of a loser father who uses his son in bettering his life, a family that wasn't as perfect as it seemed, but was fractured by the arrival of Karen, visible evidence of a breaking of vows. Karen shines as a sensible young woman, Natalie shines as a woman with such a big heart she embraces the child fruit of a betrayal, and Tyler, who tries to be the best he can be and keep the peace between all his warring factions. Sweet, with some aspects of sad, and a lot of flavor of forgiveness, lovely read.

4 stars -- After having the privilege to read the 2nd book in this series through NetGalley, and thoroughly enjoying it, I just knew I had to read Tyler and Karen's story too... And I was not disappointed, it gave me all the great things that Chris and Claudia's story did, but in a totally different set of circumstances...so it wasn't just a cookie cutter copy romance. Again, this was a fantastic YA. While it had a fabulous romance going for it, in some ways the struggles that both characters were dealing with were the more important focus of the book...it just happened that they

found each other while dealing with some heavy things, and came together and found solace with each other. Karen's struggles were more obvious -- dealing with the death of the only parent you've ever known, having to fit into a different family... The one that I found the most intriguing, and was kind of a background story, was dealing with a parent who's not faithful, and the impact it can have on the rest of the family...especially when you're living in a small town. I like that the author didn't shy away from that -- that her father, Will, wasn't a horrible ogre villain either, just a guy who continually makes bad choices that hurt his family. It was more realistic maybe. Because in the end things aren't completely black and white, and it's not always as easy as people want it to be. It's just not a topic that I've personally ever read about before. Strangely enough, one of my favourite secondary characters ended up being Karen's stepmother Natalie. She was in the WORST position imaginable, and she just tried so hard to do the right thing and help everyone adjust and cope. I was really happy with how her relationship with Karen developed. The half siblings were interesting too, and I appreciated all their different approaches to the changes. I could even see how Karen and Miranda's interactions could get so heated -- it reminded you that they were just teenagers dealing with this stuff, and so would not handle it all in a mature way. Tyler's struggles were not as common and black and white. I grew up with kids in the WHL (Western Hockey League, the OHL equivalent on my side of the country), and so I've seen the strange hero worship that can happen in smaller towns...I've even seen the "puck bunnies", and I can't imagine what life would be like living with a billet, away from your family. Sometimes I wanted to feel like Tyler's Dad and his agent were too over the top, but at the same time I could see parents who behave in that manner. I guess I just didn't want to believe anyone could be that selfish and horrible to their child. I really appreciated how Tyler's more promiscuous past was dealt with too -- it wasn't all black and white either. I mean, it's a really strange life that they live. And I appreciated all the different conversations (between Tyler and Karen, and between Karen and Natalie) that happened about "sluts" and "puck bunnies" and what's acceptable, and if there are double standards and all that. There weren't clear resolutions necessarily, but more like just a topic that deserves more thought and not to be taken lightly. Part of me was a little bit disappointed in the fast advancement in Tyler and Karen's sexual relationship, but part of me felt like that was kind of realistic too...it wasn't all clean cut and perfect. So yeah. Definitely going to watch for more books in this series. I really appreciated how many different topics Ms. Cameron chose to address, or at least mention. It definitely worked for me, and gave me something different to think about than the usual YA struggles.

I started this book this morning & have now finished it! I really enjoyed the story of Karen & Tyler. I

can't wait to buy the second book in this trilogy!

I love hockey and love this book, I love the characters. The story is good plot line. I can't wait for book 2

It was full of possibilities. Wish there was a sequel so we could find out how things turn out in the future. The one both characters seemed to have worked hard for.

Once I started reading, I couldn't stop. I was sad that it had to end. Definitely will look for more books by this author.

Loved this book.

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