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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Where can I find {book title} in paperback?

Many of my books, including fan favorites like *Blurred Lines* and the *Stiletto & Oxford* series were published by a digital-only imprint of Penguin Random House and are not available in paperback.

Please note that print rights are determined differently by country—books that are ebook only in the US may be available in print in other countries, at Lauren’s international publishers’ discretion.

How can I get a review copy/ARC of your upcoming books?

I do not personally distribute ARCs. If my publisher decides to distribute early copies for reviews, they can be requested via NetGalley, or via the publisher directly. Please note that requests for ARCs sent to me or my team via email or Instagram DM cannot be accommodated. It’s not personal, just our policy!

Why are your books all different prices?

My book prices (with the exception of *The Prenup*, which is self-published) are determined by my publishers. I have multiple publishers, each with a different pricing strategy. I am not included in pricing discussions, but I do know my publishers work hard to ensure my books are available in libraries, so if a particular price is out of your comfort zone, be sure to check your local library!

Will Marc and Elena from New York's Finest be getting their own story?

Sadly, probably not. *New York's Finest* was sold as a three-book series with the option for that publisher to expand to a fourth and fifth book with the remaining siblings. They did not chose that option immediately following the release of *Cuff Me*.

While I could technically release them on my own, so much time has passed, I'm not convinced I can do those stories justice. Rest assured, everyone is living happily-ever-after.

Will you ever write an epilogue or sequel to {book title}?

I'll never say never, but generally speaking, I consider a couple's story complete after typing The End. One of the reasons romance novels are so deliciously page-turning is because of conflict and tension. Once a couple's found their happily-ever-after, the conflict is resolved, the tension alleviated. Which means it's time for me to help a new couple find happily-ever-after!

How did you find your agent and publisher?

The old-fashioned way! I wrote a book in 2011, and when it was polished and ready for submission, I wrote a query letter and sent it to agencies representing contemporary romance. In 2012, Nicole Resciniti replied to my query, saying she liked my voice and offered representation. I've been with her ever since! Once I signed with Nicole, she sent my manuscript on submission to New York publishing houses, and I signed contracts with Grand Central Publishing and Random House in 2013. The rest is history happy history.

I'm not in the US. How can I find your books in my country/language?

This isn't the best answer, but I always recommend simply checking your local retailers to see if a particular book is available where you are. truly wish I could be of more help, but the odd truth is that authors are rarely notified or provided titles/links of our international books! Generally, I don't even know my book's been released in a language other than English until someone tags me on Instagram with a cover reveal for the international version cover!

Why can't I find *21 Wall Street* or *Man of the Year* books at Barnes & Noble or Apple?

Both of those series are published by Montlake, an imprint of Amazon Publishing. As such, the e-book format is exclusive to Kindle.

I have a great book idea—can I send it to you to write?

While I'm delighted you're feeling inspired, please don't send me your idea! Not only do I have more than enough of my own ideas to contend with, but I firmly believe the best person to write a particular story idea is the one who came up with it! Be brave. Write your own story. Don't know how to write? Practice. Practice some more. You've got this.

Why can't I find you on Facebook and Twitter?

I left Facebook and Twitter in May 2018 because spending time on those platforms didn't contribute to my values and goals. I've been happier, healthier, and more productive since leaving those behind, and have no plans to return, but I'd love to see you on Instagram!

Any advice for beginning authors?

Finish the book. And then write another. I encounter way too many people tell me they dream of writing a book, or who have started writing a book, but “don't know how to get started,” or are “stuck.” I get it. Writing is really hard, but the truth is, there's no short-cut or hack. It was hard for me too. It still is!

I get a lot of people coming to me saying that they *want* to write, but *can't* and they all have an excuse. Yes, I said excuse, because I'm very tough love on this. You want to be an author? You've got to write a book, and finish a book. It's not easy, but I believe in you.