

# Media Kit

# Laura Ward

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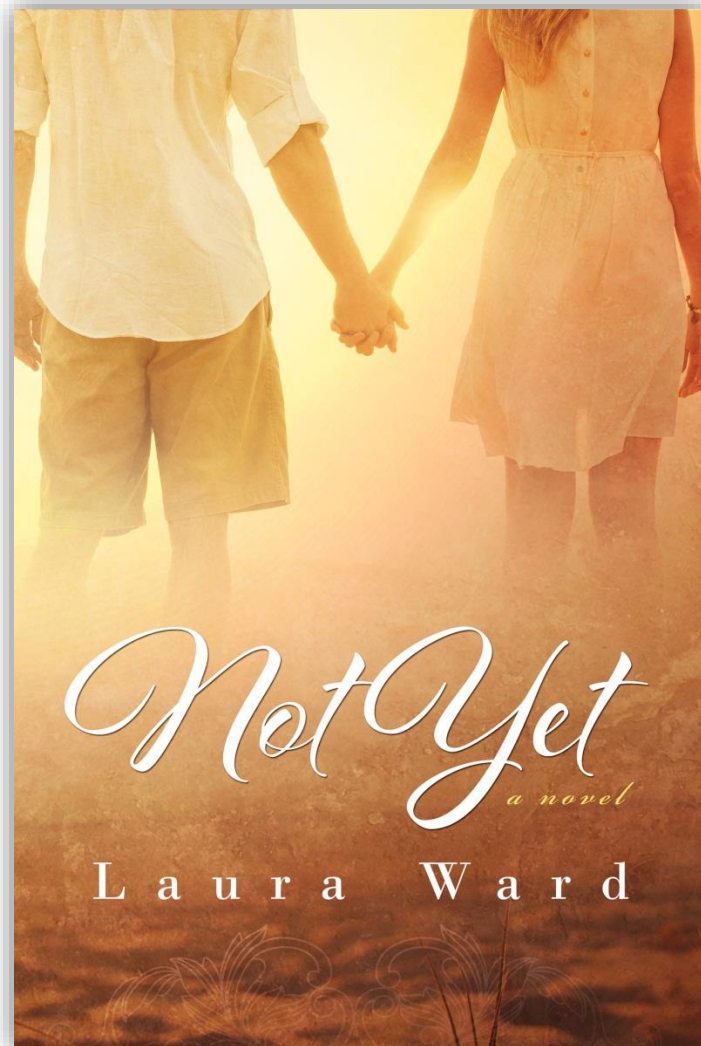
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# Not Yet

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Author: Laura Ward

Genre: Romance | Contemporary

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## About Not Yet

Emma Harris is learning that life is just a series of lessons.

*Lesson #1: Nothing goes the way you plan.*

*Lesson #2: You can't trust men. Especially not the pretty ones.*

*Lesson #3: Turns out, appearances are almost always deceiving.*

Emma thinks she has life all figured out, and what she knows isn't good. For years, she's put her big sister, who was born with Down syndrome, first. Now Emma's ready to start her own life, but fate has other plans. To do the right thing for the sister she loves, Emma's dreams will just have to wait.

She doesn't plan on meeting Landon — a rich, flirtatious jock, who never has to wait for anything. Not for attention, not for money, and certainly not for girls. Meeting Emma marks the first time in his life that he's had to fight for something. And Landon doesn't know how to lose.

Emma has no interest in wasting her summer with a superficial guy like Landon. But very soon she realizes she is wrong about him. The question is, can she trust him? Or will he let her down like every other guy in her life? But most importantly, can Emma trust herself enough to live the life she's always dreamed of?

Life has a way of sneaking in the most important lessons when you aren't looking. And once the heart gets involved, that's when the real learning begins.

## Editorial Reviews

"*Not Yet* by Laura Ward astonished and disbarred me. The uncanny and brilliant work of Laura was not seen or heard through just the words on the page but through the emotion in the characters.

A fun, beautifully written read that gripped me and tore me to shreds all in one. Highly Recommended Read - 5 STARS~!" -- *booklitlove.com*

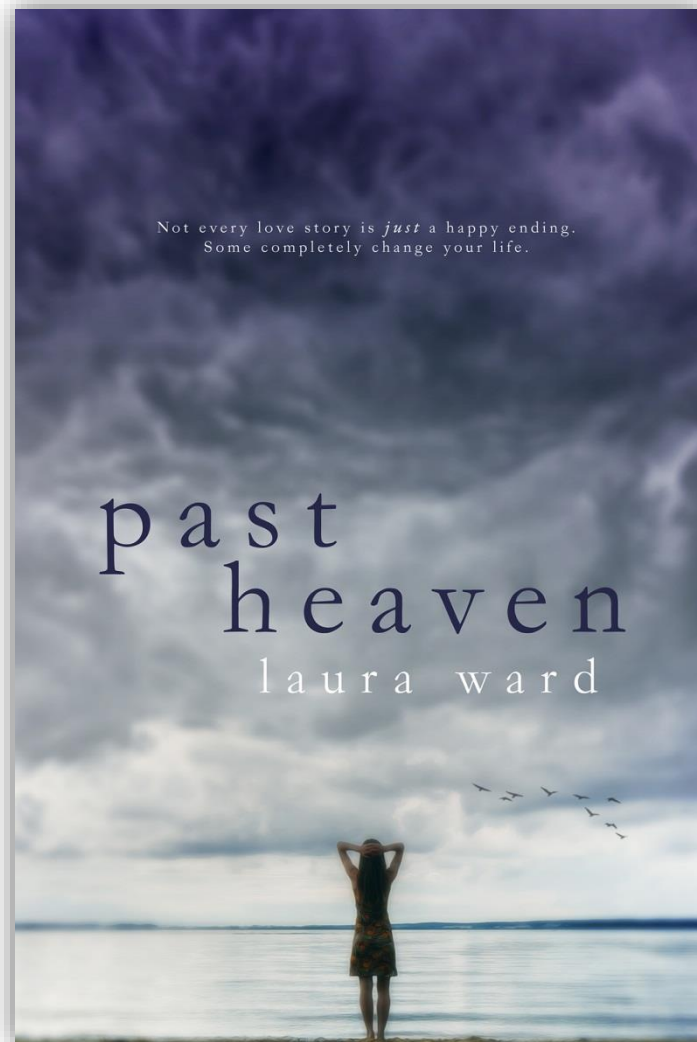
"This book took me by the hand and pulled me completely in and blew me away. EXTREMELY well written and developed. I recommend it without reservation." -- *Rumpled Sheets Blog*

"I love being able to read a novel from an author that I have never heard of. What I love even more is when that novel knocks the socks off of me and leaves me wanting more! If I could give this novel more than 5 stars I so would! It's just that good!" -- *Sassy Divas Book Blog*

"This book is beautiful and heartbreaking; so full of emotion. I think this is a must read for YA or NA lovers."-- *Mean Girls Luv Books*

# Past Heaven

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Author: Laura Ward

Genre: Romance | Contemporary

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## About Past Heaven

*Not every love story has a happy ending. Some just change your life.*

Liz Atwater's happily ever after is torn from her and she's living her worst nightmare. Everything changed the instant her husband, Jack, was murdered. She is now forced to pick up the shattered pieces of her life as she faces the daunting task of raising three young children alone.

A world away in Hollywood, actor Reynolds Carter is recovering from the humiliation of his girlfriend's cheating scandal. The public affair forces him to admit that he wants his life to be meaningful, not just front page gossip and headlines in the tabloids.

Reynolds finds his purpose in memorializing the story of Jack Atwater, whose life ambition was to bring attention to people with disabilities who were living in institutions. As Reynolds takes on the challenge of this new project, his world collides with that of Liz. They never expected their professional relationship to evolve into friendship, or love, but that's exactly what happens.

Unfortunately, life is never simple. Faced with complications from family, friends, and work colleagues, Liz and Reynolds are left to decide whether two people from such different worlds can find happiness together. Can they get past the pain, fear, and guilt to risk their hearts to love again? If so, would it be worth it?

*Not every love story is just a happy ending. Some completely change your life.*

## Editorial Reviews

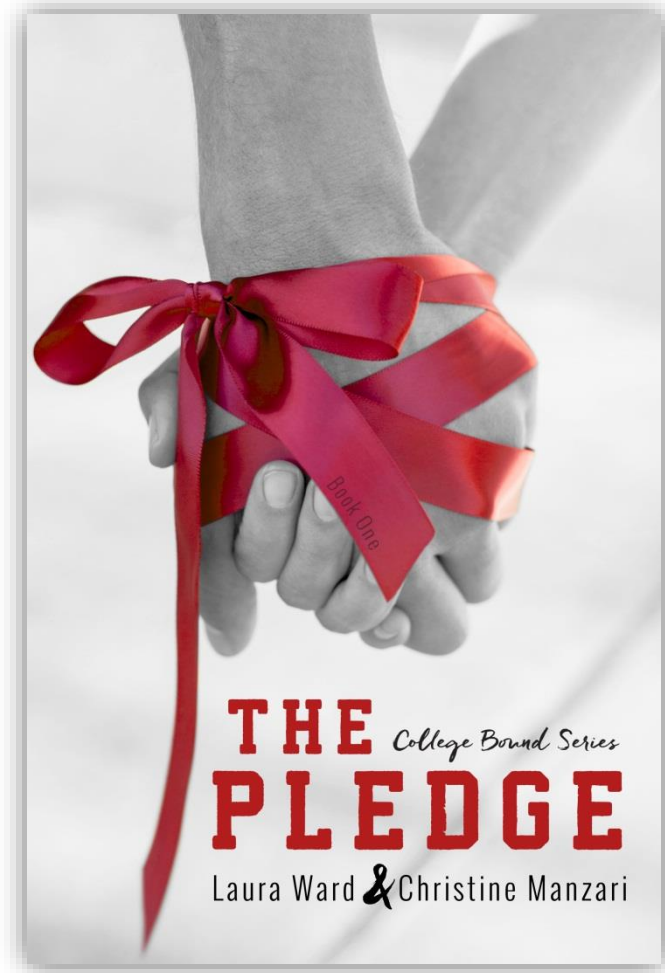
"I love author Laura Ward's style of writing, her ability to draw the reader in and the way that she develops the characters/situations in her books that leaves the reader feeling like they were right there in the story. It is hard for some authors to make the reader feel a sense of loss after they have finished reading a story, but Laura does it seamlessly and with such an ending that the reader just craves more." -- *Stephenee, Nerd Girl Official*

"I am giving *Past Heaven* by Laura Ward a near-perfect 5-star review... By the time I closed the final pages, I felt complete. Laura Ward has truly delivered a literary masterpiece." -- *One Guy's Guide To Good Reads*

"Laura Ward has restored my faith in deep, true love. ...I have nothing but pure admiration and praise on this book. The love that was so inspirational and heartwarming." -- *Liza Dequilla, I Dare You To Read*

# The Pledge

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Author: Laura Ward & Christine Manzari

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Publication Date: July 25, 2015

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## About The Pledge

Taren needs a do-over. She's decided the best way to put the high school bullies behind her is to pledge a Taylor-Swift-lip-syncing, beer-guzzling, sorority. Sisterhood helps Taren find the acceptance she's always craved, but not the love she needs.

Alec wants freedom. To escape his father's iron fist and unrealistic expectations, he pledges a campus acrobatics club where he finds that drugs and alcohol aren't the only ways to get high. His addiction to danger helps him gain his independence, but it comes at a heavy price.

When the two cross paths, Alec fears his undeniable attraction to the party girl just might threaten everything he's worked so hard to earn. Taren hasn't forgotten that Alec humiliated her back in high school, but she also can't deny the chemistry they share.

Alec and Taren have nothing in common, but fate is bound and determined to bring them together. They know falling in love is a risk, and yet it's too hard to ignore. When their worlds clash and they both end up suffering, will they fight to stay together? Or are some pledges too hard to keep?

## Editorial Reviews

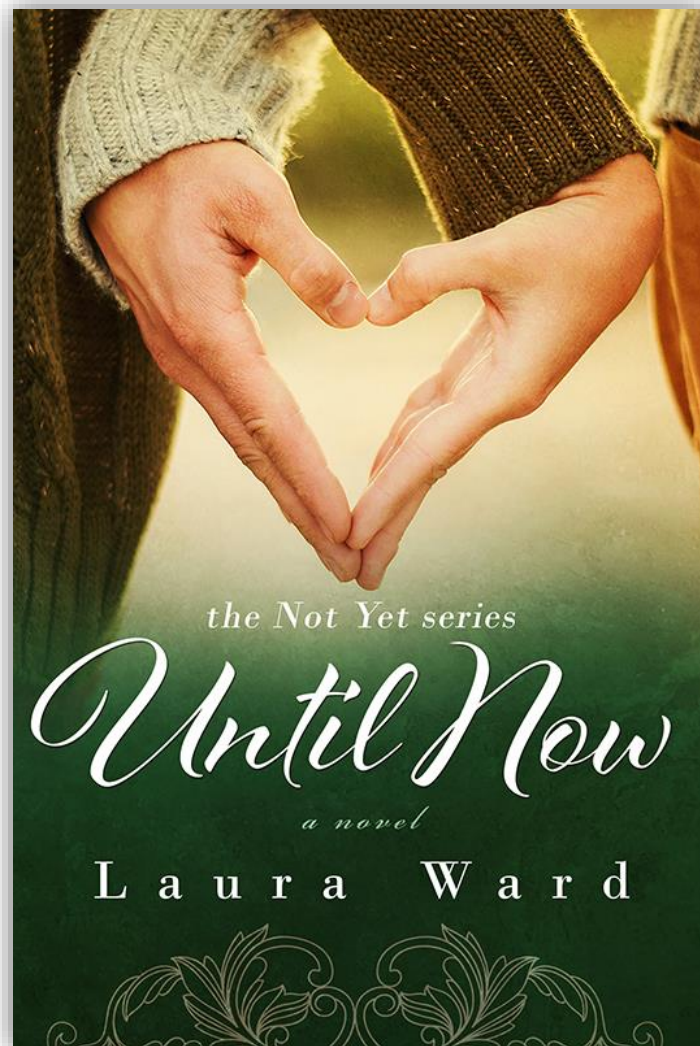
"If you like sweet, funny, romantic, angsty reads, this book is for you! I seriously could not get enough of this story!" – *Tiffany, Give Me Books*

"I thoroughly enjoyed The Pledge's smart, witty, and provocative writing. The collaboration of the two authors, Laura Ward and Christine Manzari, is fun and fluid, keeping me reading on and on like an addict yearning for one more chapter." -- *Tara B. Paraska*



# Until Now

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## About Until Now

### *Focus.*

Dean Goldsmith is Indiana University's star quarterback, and his dreams are about to come true. His undefeated season means he has a legitimate shot at the NFL. If he stays focused. Football comes first.

College senior, Grace Yeates, is determined to defy the odds. She is months away from graduating with a business degree, something no one thought she would be able to pull off. All she has to do is focus on her number one priority. Family comes first.

### *Distraction.*

Dean has no time for distractions, but when a gorgeous, snarky, redheaded waitress refuses to tell him her name, he can't seem to focus on anything else.

Grace knows she can't let herself get caught up in a guy, particularly a man-whore like Dean, no matter how charming or sexy. She has two hearts to look out for now and no room for a Dean-sized distraction.

### *Complications.*

Everyone in Dean's life agrees that Grace is the kind of complication his career doesn't need. Grace knows that Dean is the kind of risk her heart shouldn't want.

But what if the last person you think you need, the one you shouldn't want, becomes the one you can't live without? Can their biggest distraction actually be the focus they were missing all along?

## Editorial Reviews

"Do your hearts a favour and pick up a copy of this book because it is totally swoon worthy, A.D.O.R.A.B.L.E and sweet with a good dose of steam! Until Now left us grinning from ear to ear as we fell completely in love with this utterly charming, tender, witty and heart-warming story!"

- Jenny & Gitte, *Totally Booked*

"Laura Ward is one of those hidden gems that I want the world to experience. Her stories, and this particular one, have real world issues that we've all been touched by in some sixth degree type of way. They teach you about life and love, and end up leaving your heart lighter just for having read them."

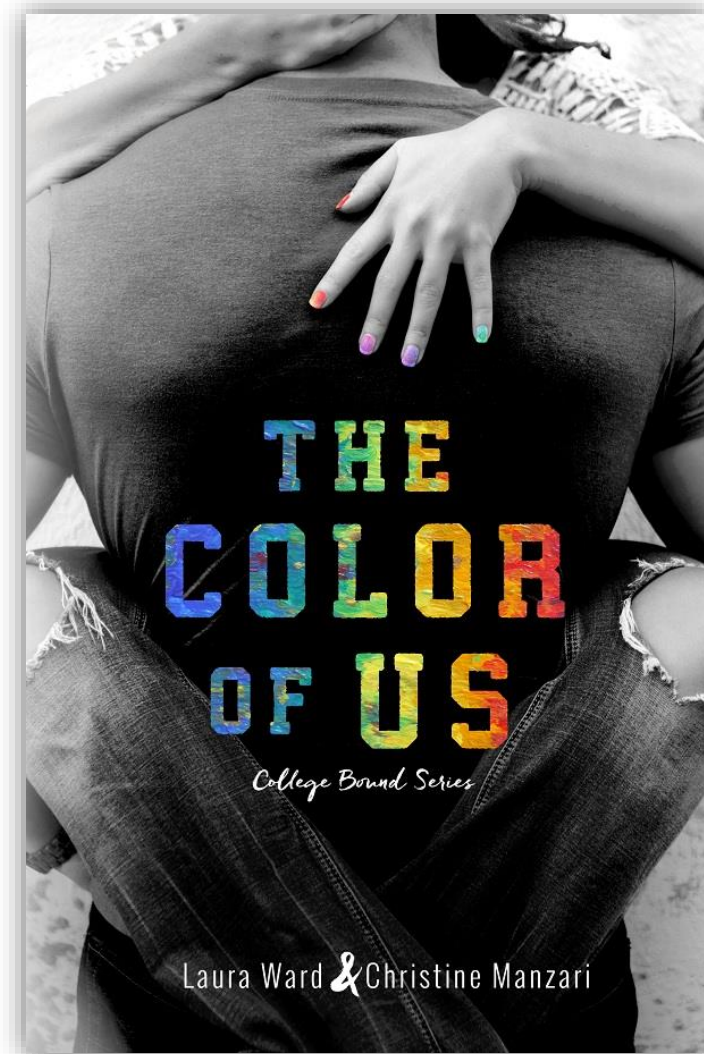
- Candy, *Prisoners of Print*

"Laura Ward writes some of the most emotional books I have ever read. By emotional, I don't mean you will be suffering from the ugly cry, but you will feel, deep down to your soul, every single word in this magnificent book. I will read anything Laura writes..."

- Jenn, *Garden of Reden*

# The Color of Us

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Author: Laura Ward & Christine Manzari

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## About The Color of Us

Eighteen year old Alexis Sinclair is lost in the darkness of grief. Since the death of her sister in a car accident, she can't find the will to get out and enjoy life again. When she's forced to face her biggest fear and take a summer Driver's Ed course, she's surprised to find hope in the most unlikely person.

Liam O'Connell is trouble. He isn't proud of his dark past, and he knows Alexis is the one girl he has no business pursuing. Doing the right thing has never been easy for him, but this time, it just might be impossible.

The perfect girl and troubled boy are all wrong for each other, but as Liam helps Alexis cope with her grief, they realize nothing has ever felt more right.

That is, until Alexis uncovers a secret about Liam that breaks her heart.

Liam knows he can't allow the one good thing in his life to walk away without a fight, and he's determined to convince Alexis they can find their way out of the darkness together.

Can he prove he's worthy of her, or is some love too tainted to be saved?

## Editorial Reviews

"WOW, I have once again been blown away in a way I never thought I would be. This book has everything that a real romance needs--lust, love, heat, conflict, and real life issues are just a start! There were so many parts of this book that were absolutely phenomenal, and I don't want to ruin anything for anyone. I will just say you need this book in your life. You may not think it's your genre because the main characters are young, but that honestly made so little difference. Read it!"

- Devlynn, *Give Me Books*

"I loved everything about this book, despite the sadness that it invoked within me, causing me to ugly cry in such a way that I had to put down my ipad because I was unable to see the wonderfully amazing words these two authors had penned to page. If I could give this book a rainbow full of stars I would because it surely surpassed 5 stars for me and found its way in the top 5 of my favorite books from 2016."

- Theresa, *Smokin' Hot Reads*

"This story gives you hope, breaks your heart, and puts you back together all at once. One of my top reads this year."

- Keri, *Voodoo Doll Book Blog*

"...The Color of Us is an emotional roller coaster if I've ever seen one... The plot is so intimate and the settings and situations are so real, you can almost reach out and comfort the characters yourself in their time of need."

- Ethan, *One Guy's Guide to Good Reads*

# Someday Soon

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Author: Laura Ward

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## About Someday Soon

### *One mouthwatering temptation...*

All Daisy Goldsmith wants is to get out of her small town, leaving behind the bullies who've taunted her. Attending culinary school in New York has always been her biggest dream---a dream she's not confident enough to pursue. After all, she's nothing but a "fat cow." But when her brother's best friend, the man who's always secretly held her heart, moves back to town after college, everything changes for Daisy.

### *One scrumptious nibble...*

The Goldsmith house has always been Jon Roberts' sanctuary from the crazy of his life. With a broken and dysfunctional family, Jon embraces the Goldsmiths like his own. After getting a real glimpse of the woman Daisy's becoming, Jon is torn between his loyalty to the family and his desire for his best friend's little sister.

### *One delectable bite...*

As Daisy and Jon spend more time together, they can't resist the attraction between them. Once they've had a taste, nothing can keep them apart--not their dreams, their families, or the difference in their age. Can someday turn into forever or will they bite off more than they can handle?