



**1-Welcome Lauren!It is a great pleasure having you as my guest in concurrency with Silk and Shadows' italian release in Italy. Would you like to begin this interview by telling the readers something that they wouldn't otherwise find in your official Bio page?**

I'm a huge fantasy reader! When I was growing up, I read Forgotten Realms books over and over. I don't get to read it as much as I used to be because I don't have as much time for it anymore, but I read everything from RA Salvatore to George RR Martin!

**2- Silk and Shadows belongs to Virgin Diaries series. Are these books in any kind of order? Would you like to tell something more about this series?**

It's technically book 3 in the series, but it's written in a way that it doesn't matter what order you read them in. Each book in the series can be read as a standalone, but you will be introduced to supporting characters that are the focus in other books if you'd like to read more about them.

**3-Let's talk about Zach and Norma , the characters of Silk and Shadows. Would you like to introduce them to Italian readers?**

Zach is a hot shot football star but is struggling in the classroom, though it's not because of ability. He just needs the right motivation. His coaches are worried that his grades could hurt his professional prospects, so they assign him a tutor.

Enter Norma Jean. She's Zach's new tutor and an absolute spitfire. She's quick to put Zach in his place and set him straight, which intrigues him. Normally girls just fall at his feet, but Norma Jean isn't quite so easy.

The kicker to their situation is that Norma Jean has to pretend to be his girlfriend and no one can know that she's his tutor. Zach and his coaches don't want anyone to know. But when the football season and semester are coming to a close, will it still be pretend?

#### **4-How do you feel when one of your books is going to be released?**

I'm both excited and stressed. I'm excited that readers finally get their hands on it, especially when I have fans telling me they can't wait to read it. But I'm also stressed. I can't help but worry what they will think or if it will live up to their expectations. Will they love it? How will reviews turn out? No matter how many books I release it's always the same.

#### **5 -Do you allow yourself to be influenced by the reviews?**

I try not to be, but sometimes it's hard. I try to not focus on any one review in particular, but I do look for patterns. Is there something many readers liked or disliked? And try to learn from that.

#### **6 -Can you tell us if there are any new works in progress and if there are any new projects in sight?**

There are always new works in progress! Usually by the time I finish one book, I've already got ideas for the next. It's easier when the next book is in the same series. By then, the character, personality, and their motivations are already established. I just have to work out the plot. When it's something new, it takes a little longer.

As for what's next for me, at least my next English release, it is the last book in my Bennett Boys Ranch series. It will be called Racing Hearts and is a forbidden romance about two rival families coming together through marriage and love.

#### **7 -Is there anything that you would like to say to Italian readers?**

I'm so excited about Italian Readers being able to meet Zach and Norma Jean! It's a very fun, flirty, and addictive read. Their banter is sure to put a smile on your face! June 21<sup>st</sup> can't come fast enough!

**Thank you so much, Lauren, for your attention.**