

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What's been the reaction to *Every Last Fear*?

A: I'm thrilled and humbled by the reception to this book. From prominent newspaper reviewers, to librarians, to independent booksellers, to readers, it has been so gratifying to see the positive response this book has received. It's also been a learning experience for me as a writer. My time in Tulum, Mexico was the source of inspiration for this book. As I received some feedback from a few readers, I realized I wasn't as respectful a writer as I should have been in some of the depictions about a culture and people different from my own. It was distressing to think that what I wrote caused anyone pain, and for that, I'm sorry. As a result, I worked with a sensitivity reader and my editors to address a few concerns that were raised and revised some aspects of the book that will appear in the next hardcover printing (they have already been included in the e-book and audio editions). This has been a learning experience for me as a writer—one I am grateful for and will take with me as I continue to grow as a novelist.

Q: My book club/writing group would like you to visit. Are you available?

A: It's possible depending on my schedule. I try to do as many book club and writing group visits as I can (in person or via Zoom), so please reach out to me through the Contact section of my website.

Q: Your bio says you traversed the globe?

A: My bio makes me sound *way* more interesting than I am. My father was in the military, so we moved every couple of years, with stints in Japan, England, Hawaii, and an untold number of U.S. states. I went to four high schools. It had its downsides, for sure. But it also helped me see the world was a much bigger place, I made friends from all around the world, and it was an exciting time of my life I wouldn't change.

Q: Will *Every Last Fear* be made into a movie?

A: Not to be coy, but I can't report anything right now. But look for an exciting announcement soon.

Q: Where can I get a signed copy of *Every Last Fear*?

A: Some great independent bookstores like *The Poisoned Pen* have had ample signed copies in stock. If that doesn't work, reach out to me through the Contact section of my website, and we'll see if we can figure something out.

Q: Can you read my unpublished manuscript?

A: For legal reasons I cannot. But I spent a decade trying to get published, and I understand the struggle, so I try to answer all inquiries I receive seeking advice. You can reach me through the Contact section of my website.

Q: I'm an aspiring writer, how do I get an agent or publisher?

A: My best advice is to join a writing organization, like the International Thriller Writers (ITW) or Mystery Writers of America (MWA). You'll not only meet great aspiring and published authors, but you also can attend their conferences where you can learn the craft and even pitch to agents and publishers. ITW's annual ThrillerFest conference has had numerous success stories of writers getting agents and major book deals, and I can't recommend it enough.

Q: Why the pen name?

A: Family members often ask the same question. The short answer is that *Every Last Fear* is my first foray into the psychological suspense genre. I'm a lawyer and have written law-related books, so this was a way to maintain separateness. I was surprised (and flattered) when someone told me that there was a bit of speculation on social media that I am a famous writer, but alas, the reason for the pseudonym is not so interesting.

Q: When's the next book come out?

A: I'm working on it, and it's slated for 2022. You'll see the return of FBI Agent Sarah Keller, one of my favorite characters from *Every Last Fear*.