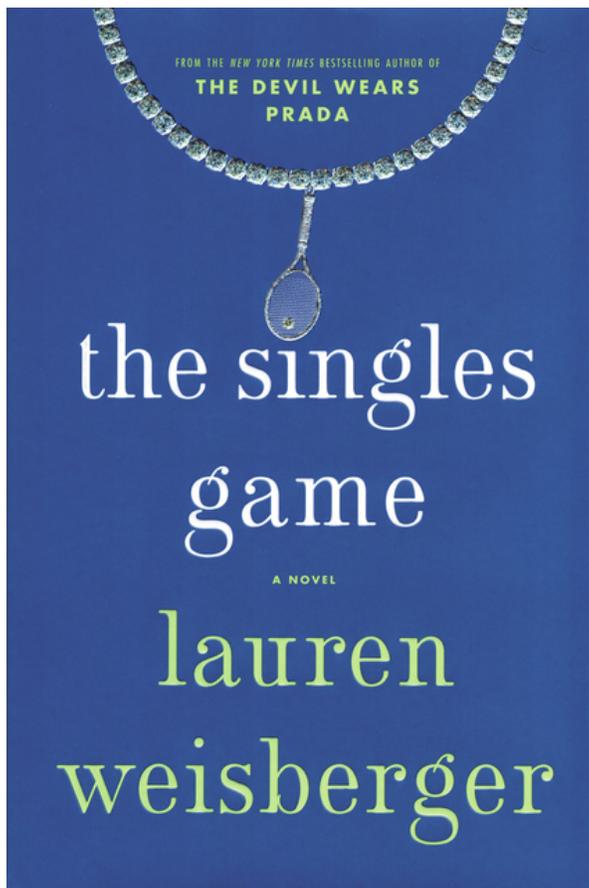


## You have met your 'match' — 'The Devil Wears Prada' author is back



Lauren Weisberger

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**What:** “The Devil Wears Prada” and New York Times bestselling author Lauren Weisberger signing of her new book, “The Singles Game,” at an event of the same name, presented by Meet Me Saint Louis, a nonprofit group.

**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Chesterfield Athletic Club at the Doubletree Hotel, 16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, Missouri

**Info:** Tickets cost \$35 (includes one book and one door prize ticket); \$50 for two people (includes one book and two door prize tickets), and are available at [www.meetmestlouis.org](http://www.meetmestlouis.org); a portion of proceeds from this event will benefit Burns Recovered-Midwest Children’s Burn Camp.

Popular “The Devil Wears Prada” novelist Lauren Weisberger will appear “courtside,” with her newest book, “The Singles Game,” at the Chesterfield Athletic Club.

Weisberger, author of the bestselling book and the inspiration for the movie of the same name, “The Devil Wears Prada,” is back again with a heroine who “works” in tennis shoes instead of stilettos. “The Devil Wears Prada” was published in 40 languages and the movie starred Academy Award-winners Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway.

“The Singles Game” is all about the exciting life of beautiful tennis prodigy, Charlotte “Charlie” Silver, who turns

pro and joins the world's best players. She ends up with a brutal tennis coach, travels 11 months a year, and competes without mercy for Grand Slam titles. She discovers a whole new "celebrity" world with private parties and yachts and finds herself making headlines for her life on and off the tennis court.

"Charlie's in her mid twenties, a top player, but she wants to be number one," Weisberger said. "She needs to decide if she actually has what it takes."

Weisberger said while it's a totally different storyline, "The Singles Game" does have some similarities to "The Devil Wears Prada."

"It's sexy, there's traveling, it involves a makeover and a hot Spaniard — some of the things that fans love," she said. "And you don't need to be a tennis fan to enjoy the story or the book. People read my books to relax and be entertained."

Taking readers behind-the-scenes at the U.S. Open, the French Open, the Australian Open, and Wimbledon, Weisberger shares the glamorous story of young athletes training relentlessly to compete at the highest levels. All the while they travel around the globe and try to cope (for better or worse) in a world obsessed with good looks, social media followers and trying to "have it all."

Weisberger wrote "The Devil Wears Prada" after working at a magazine herself, basing the story on much of her own experiences.

She said she didn't expect the response and popularity that it gained, but rather, was pleasantly surprised.

"I don't usually like being the center of attention. I like being an observer, and writing gives me that and a wonderful, creative career," Weisberger said.

Of course, when "The Devil Wears Prada" hit, she was more in the limelight than she was accustomed, but she manages to keep a fairly low profile, setting aside time to write, which can often be hard to accomplish.

"And I have to admit, I'm now able to make a living doing what I love, and that's nice," she said.

She was very happy with the screen adaptation of "The Devil Wears Prada," by Aline Brosh McKenna. Weisberger didn't write the screenplay because she said, "I write books, it's a totally different craft."

For aspiring writers, she advises the same thing she practices herself — discipline.

"You have to make that time to sit down and write — you have to tell your story," she said.

Weisberger's four other novels, "Everyone Worth Knowing," "Last Night at Chateau Marmont," "Chasing Harry Winston," and "Revenge Wears Prada: The Devil Returns," were top-10 New York Times bestsellers.

Meet Me Saint Louis presents "The Singles Game" author event at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at the Chesterfield Athletic Club at the Doubletree Hotel, 16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, Missouri. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The event will take place in the club's upstairs area, with viewing windows overlooking the indoor tennis courts.

The evening will include informal modeling of tennis and athletic wear and a presentation by Weisberger, followed by an audience question-and-answer session, a book signing and door prizes.

Meet Me Saint Louis is a nonprofit organization presenting authors, artists and speakers in unique presentations. Events are open to the public, and a portion of all ticket sales go to St. Louis community charities. A portion of proceeds from this event will benefit Burns Recovered-Midwest Children's Burn Camp.

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