



About the Author

Laura Ballerini is a graphic designer who has been running a thriving design boutique for over 20 years. She is the author of *The Green Velvet Chair*. This book is a collection of stories depicting how art and design influence our lives through music, food, nature, and so much more.

With over 40 years in the design industry, Laura sees the influence that art and design have in our daily lives. Through her unique creative lens, she shares personal stories that illustrate the countless ways art and design affect all of us.

Her discovery: Art is not only found in a museum—it appears in music, food, nature and so much more. We are all artists in our own unique way.

Laura has a degree in Visual Communications from The Alberta University of the Arts (*formerly the Alberta College of Art*), and recipient of numerous awards throughout her career. Her passion for continuous learning includes regular educational initiatives.

- Laura stays on top of the newest trends in design and digital media
- Laura completed a number of Oral Storytelling Workshops where she ‘found her voice’
- Laura has honed her writing skills through a variety of courses and workshops
- Laura is a recipient of numerous awards throughout her career including a Summit Creative Award and a Webby Award
- Laura is an avid traveler visiting art galleries all over the world and learning about various cultures, their people, and their passions
- Laura has been intrigued by the power of art and design since she was a very young child.

While she’s a quiet and introverted creative, Laura has recently found her inner badass and radiates her ‘quietly fierce’ disposition in her work and her life.

Laura lives in Calgary, Alberta with her husband, two daughters, one son-in-law, a granddaughter, and a pretentious cat named Gooley.

The Green Velvet Chair is Laura’s first book, which includes a Second Edition.