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2-Line Bio (Tweetable)

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Short Bio

Laura has an MA in Technical Writing and is a Senior Editor at Anaiah Press, where she works with upper YA and NA fiction. She's published anime and manga reviews for Newtype USA. Laura's debut novel SCHISM releases April 28, 2015. Check out her blog at LauraMaisano.blogspot.com.

Medium Bio

Laura has an MA in Technical writing and is a Senior Editor at Anaiah Press for their YA/NA Christian Fiction. She's excited to release her debut YA Urban Fantasy SCHISM April 28, 2015, and during the wait, she's working on the sequel UNITY.

Her gamer husband and amazing daughter give support and inspiration every day. Their cats, Talyn and Moya, provide entertainment through living room battles and phantom-dust-mote hunting. Somehow, they all manage to survive living in Texas where it is hotter than any human being should have to endure. Check out her blog at LauraMaisano.blogspot.com.

Long Bio

Laura writes because it's her destiny! Okay, that may be overly dramatic, but she thinks there's something to it. Her parents named me after the author who penned the Little House books— Laura Ingalls Wilder. From the moment she learned the origin of her name, she got the bug and knew she had to do the same. Aside from narrating the life and death struggles of her Barbies, she first tried to write a story in high school. The unfortunate melodrama felt like more of a Sailor Moon meets Justice League mash-up than a real book. She did coin her website from its universe (www.rayhastudios.com) and it provided lots of inspiration moving forward.

In college, Laura used visual arts for her creative outlet with a drawing minor, but she still wanted to write. Everyone knows you don't make money as an author, so she did the prudent thing and got a literature degree with a technical writing certification. To actually get a tech writing job though, she had to go back for her Masters in Technical Writing. The classes she took for that degree opened her eyes to the mechanics of writing, and actually inspired her to work on fiction once again.

While she was getting that MA, Laura started dating her now husband. They married in 2008, and he's been her best friend and biggest supporter ever since. They honeymooned in Italy, where he had lived as a teenager. It was nice to have a private tour guide who spoke the lingo.

In 2011, their daughter was born, who they plan to inflict their weirdness on full force. At three years old, she already loves watching Idolmaster 2, a Japanese video game with singing anime idols. They have to do something to keep out of the 100+ temperatures of Texas weather.

Now coming April 28, 2015, MuseItUp Publishing will release Laura's debut novel SCHISM (a YA Urban Fantasy), Illirin book 1. The sequel, UNITY, completes the two-book series. Although it's a planned duology, she has big ideas for a companion book to turn it into a trilogy. She's also cooking up a YA Romance, so stay tuned. You can find updates about writing and the random stuff in her life on her blog www.LauraMaisano.blogspot.com. If you're more interested in just the professional angle, check out her website www.RayhaStudios.com.

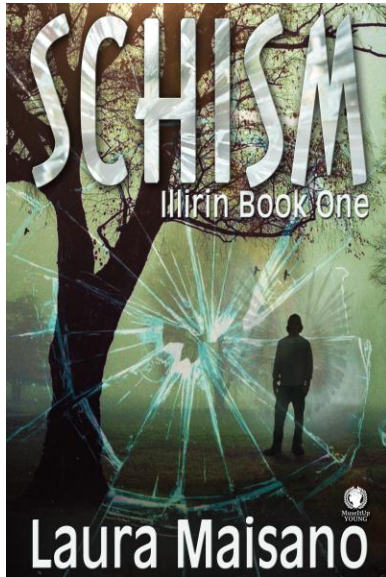
5 Fun Facts

1. In college some friends and I drove to West, Texas in the middle of the night to buy kolachies fresh from the oven. (Sound familiar?)
2. I've cosplayed at several anime and sci-fi/fantasy conventions. Costumes include TJ Wagner (Nightcrawler's daughter), Chiana from Farscape, Karou from Ruouni Kenshin, Mama from Kodomo No Omocha, and Regina from Once Upon a Time.
3. In a high school musical, I played one of seven people who made up the Snake from the garden of Eden, and my boyfriend at the time played Cain...the first murderer. What a pair, huh.
4. I've eaten conveyer belt sushi in Japan... it was gross there too.

5. On a family vacation to Yellowstone when I was a child, a bison came over the hill near the walkway. My brother, dad, and I ran, but my mom was laughing so hard at us that she couldn't move, and the bison crossed right in front of her.

Books

SCHISM



The art therapy crap hasn't done squat for Gabe Jones. A thousand sketches of his fiancée can't bring his memory, or her, back to him. Nothing on Earth can. His past lies in another dimension, a world just out of sight.

On campus, another student unknowingly shares Gabe's obsession with the fourth dimension. Lea Huckley must prove this world exists. The monsters from the other side attacked her parents and fled, getting her folks locked up in the loony bin. Finding evidence is the only way to free them.

She and Gabe strike a deal to help each other out, and together they manage to open a door to the world of Gabe's true origin. She'd use him for proof—if she didn't already care too much.

While Gabe tries to reconcile his feelings for Lea and his re-discovered memories of his fiancée, a much more sinister plot unravels. He uncovers his history, just in time to become the unwilling linchpin in a conspiracy to start a war. His memory holds the secret the would-be **conqueror** needs to get the upper hand, the final riddle. Gabe must protect the riddle at all costs, even if that means leaving Earth, and Lea, behind for good.

Reviews for SCHISM

Goodreads - <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25004482-schism>

<https://waitingforaname.wordpress.com/2015/03/09/book-review-schism-by-laura-maisano/>

<https://rileyamoswestbrook.wordpress.com/2015/03/26/rileyamosreviews-i-am-honestly-jealous-edition-arc-part-2/>

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