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**Corporate Bullies Meet Their Match in *Blame The Dogs***

Houston-based psychological suspense author debuts with first in trilogy

**Houston, TX —** After two decades in the making, author **Laura Martin** is finally ready to unleash her gripping psychological suspense novel, *Blame The Dogs*—a tale of vengeance, buried trauma, and unexpected plot twists.

Set between the shadows of corporate narcissists, assault, and the foggy edges of moral reckoning, *Blame The Dogs* follows a reclusive former businessman, a relentless investigative journalist, and a mysterious vigilante whose paths collide as their lives unravel. The story explores what happens when those who are usually silenced, fight back—and what it costs them. “I felt there was a need for fast-paced stories that still pack a great deal of emotion and reflection,” Martin says. “I don’t see why one should exclude the other.”

*Blame The Dogs* is more than just a thriller — it’s a personal mission. For Martin, the novel was born from deep outrage at the subtle and systemic forms of evil that persist in society. “I’m known as a kind and soft person — I don’t easily get angry. But this book was my way of saying, *‘What if this would happen? What if women turned #MeToo into #NoMore and became the terror of their assailants?’* It also serves as a reminder: evil doesn’t always look like a monster — sometimes, it wears a suit and smiles.”

**A Novel Twenty Years in the Making**

Originally started in the 2000s, the book evolved over two decades as Martin moved countries, built a career in marketing, and honed her writing through various courses and life experiences. Born in the Netherlands, Martin has lived in New Zealand and now calls Bridgeland (Houston) her home: “When we arrived here from New Zealand, I didn’t know anyone. So, I literally rang doorbells to introduce myself and my book. The community response was incredible — so many people pre-ordered or planned to buy on launch day. It made me feel like I belonged.”

Martin’s marketing background turned out to be a powerful asset in the world of independent publishing — a route she’s proud to take: “Indie publishing has come such a long way. It’s no longer frowned upon. In fact, many readers actively seek out indie authors because they want to support real, diverse voices.”

**A Message with Urgency**

Martin’s motivation also comes from hard statistics. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), **every 68 seconds, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted**. Her book doesn’t shy away from these realities — instead, it asks bold, uncomfortable questions and creates space for readers to reflect.

**Blame The Dogs** will become available on 10 May in ebook, paperback, and hardcover formats through [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/BLAME-psychological-suspense-praised-justice-ebook/dp/B0F2J9YKDW/ref=pd_ci_mcx_mh_mcx_views_0_image?pd_rd_w=Qj1vj&content-id=amzn1.sym.bb21fc54-1dd8-448e-92bb-2ddce187f4ac%3Aamzn1.symc.40e6a10e-cbc4-4fa5-81e3-4435ff64d03b&pf_rd_p=bb21fc54-1dd8-448e-92bb-2ddce187f4ac&pf_rd_r=9C2J1ZRQA9WAW1A9X627&pd_rd_wg=yLDvY&pd_rd_r=fa5f3a89-a5cc-41df-97d4-45c41f95b7d7&pd_rd_i=B0F2J9YKDW).

The first reading & book signing is at L3 Café on Fri 6 June, 11:30 am onwards.

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