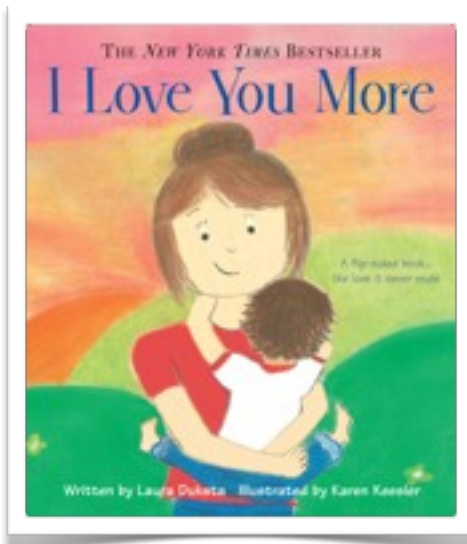


Laura Duksta

New York Times Bestselling Author
Ambassador of Love



*“When we shine our light it makes our life, our families, our schools, our cities,
our states, our countries and eventually the whole world a brighter place to live!
I Shine, You Shine, We Shine...Star Shine!”*

Laura Duksta * School and Community Visits * 2010-2011

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I Love You More

Over 350,000 Copies Sold!

Generating the conversation of love around the world...



***I Love You More* is a story of love shared between a mother and child.** It's a flip-sided book, meaning it starts from either side and reads to the middle—like love it actually never ends. *I Love You More* captures the magic and power of love in a rhyming, rhythmic text that children of all ages enjoy. It's sold over 350,000 copies, including a board book and versions in Korean and Hebrew. *ILYM* has been endorsed by two of the biggest hearts in publishing, Mark

Victor Hansen and Jack Canfield, creators of *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. We now believe, ***I Love You More* was written so that children, young and old, may know that no matter what is going on in their life or the world around them, how truly loved they are.** Laura's next book, *You are a Gift to the World (flip) The World is a Gift to You*, is due out April 2011.

"The book was great! Me and my mom were reading *I Love You More* when my mom started crying! She was crying because it was **such a good book** and we always play that game to see who can come up with the very best reply!"—Lauren M, age 9

"I have been reading *I Love You More* and I wrote my book report about it. **I like it so much that I keep reading it.**"
—Alec Endara, age 10

"Your book is the **best book on my book shelf**. I really liked it. Love is the most powerful thing in the world."
—Max Zerbone, age 8

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Laura's Presentations...

***“Self-Esteem through Love: Empowering Our Children to Shine!”* Helps Students and Educators:**

- Raise Self-Esteem/ Self-Worth
- Understand Personal Experience of a Bestselling Author and Embrace the “Editing Process”
- Inspires You to Take Action
- Ignites Your Genius & Creativity
- Builds Confidence--Improving Test Taking Ability
- Love Yourself, Others and More of the World Around You



**Call Today to book Laura.
Bring her in to brighten up your
school, community or organization!**

- Author Visits
- Alopecia Areata Awareness
- Writers Groups/ Self-Publishing
- Women's and Church Groups
- Charitable Organizations & Events
- Teacher Work Days and Educator Seminars



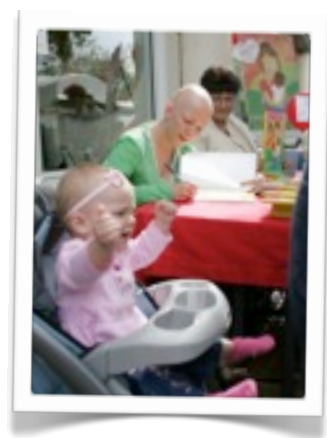
Laura also speaks on:

- Listening to Your Inner Wisdom
- Transforming Big Challenges into Bigger Blessings

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From a young age Laura knew she was meant to travel the world, meet her brothers and sisters and spread the message of love. Who knew access to fulfilling on that vision would begin with the experience of losing all her hair at age 11 to a condition called Alopecia Areata. It took many years struggling to “be like everyone else” until she remembered to embrace the lesson we’ve all heard before; “Be Yourself”. On her 30th birthday, after 19 years of wearing wigs, she set



her wigs and herself free and became “The Bald Chick”. Not long before that she had found herself praying for her sister and nephew. As she did the idea for *I Love You More (ILYM)* flooded her heart and mind. It was an idea she knew she had to make happen—even though she had never aspired to be an author. With \$10,000 borrowed from her mother, she and illustrator Karen Keesler set out and self-published *ILYM* selling 179,000 copies. She later teamed up with Sourcebooks’ Jabberwocky imprint who helped land *ILYM* on the *New York Times* Bestsellers List for 3 weeks! Laura’s been featured on TV, in dozens of magazine and newspapers including USA Today, as 1 of 10 people under 40 making a difference in South Florida by Boca Magazine, on 100’s of Blogs and Radio programs and MORE! Her second book, *You are a Gift to the World (flip) The World is a Gift to You*, is due out March 2011. She continues to fulfill on her mission of spreading the message of love by presenting her applauded programs at schools, festivals, women’s groups, churches and organizations across the US and world, sharing her book and valuable life lessons she’s learned along the way.

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Outline of School Program

Self-Esteem through Love: Empowering Our Children to Shine!

1) **Be Your Self...** Turns out there is nothing more powerful! The simple though not easy lesson Laura learned through experience, after wearing wigs for 19 years trying to be like everyone else. **Alopecia Areata**, what makes Laura “The Bald Chick”. What is a non-contagious disease? How others treated her and what it was like, when at age 11 all her hair fell out. Here we can reference the **problem of bullying**; depending on issues in the school. We share that what we consider the worst things that happen to us can often turn out to be our biggest blessings. And we speak to the power of **not being stopped by our differences but celebrating and being empowered by them.**

2) **Love...** the way we are all intrinsically the same, we love to be loved and to give love. We read our book, *I Love You More* and share its message. **When your children know they are loved, everything is possible!**

3) As **Author/Illustrator/Publisher** we share what it took to take an idea and bring it to fruition. How we self-published *I Love You More* and after selling 179,000 copies on our own, sold it to a publisher who helped land us on the **New York Times Bestsellers List**. We share with the students our experience along the way and the lessons we learned. **Including the editorial process and that our editors, teachers and parents** our helping us to create our best work possible.

4) **Cheers...** the way we talk to ourselves and others is so important. We teach your children that **negative self talk sets them up for failure** and how to change what they’re saying to themselves so that they become confident and unstoppable. Teaching them “**Cheers**” to **empower** them to **enthusiastically** live their best lives possible!

5) **Genius...** each and every one of us has our own unique gifts and talents, our genius. They are like seeds planted in our hearts that we are here to discover, nurture, develop, share and shine with the world.

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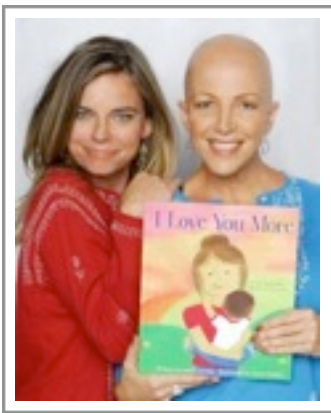
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What People are Saying...

"Thank you Laura so much for your presentation at St. Mark's. I can truly say that we were all overwhelmed by your positive message! I was so impressed with your ability to communicate effectively with all age groups. Each of the groups you spoke to from the 1 year old class to the 8th grade enjoyed your book and talk. I have seen kids doing the I Shine cheer all week and our 7/8th grade Math teacher tells me she uses the genius cheer every day at the start of class! I hope you will come back and talk to us about your next book--we are looking forward to it!"

**Heidi Burnett, Director, School Media Center
St. Mark's Episcopal School**



Laura Duksta and Karen Keesler are great! They have a presentation that truly supports the work of educators, parents and children. Their message of love includes both affective and academic elements. Social and emotional issues discussed include dealing with personal challenges, differences in yourself and others, appreciating yourself and others, using the imagination and self-affirmation, setting goals, accepting constructive criticism, and using your talents to help others. Academic issues include keeping a positive attitude in school, exploring the creative process, drafting and revising work of any kind (including written and artistic work) and persevering to complete a project. Laura and Karen know how to tailor their program to audiences of various ages. They helped my school find the genius inside each one of us!

James McGhee II, Headmaster, Alexander School, Miami, FL

"In a room filled with young children and adults, Laura Duksta instantly captures your attention and before you know it, she captures your heart. She's like a wizard. A lot of magical twinkling fills the room and inside each little soul stars are born."

Mary Dewald, daughter, mother, grandmother and 5th grade teacher

"I find Laura to be an amazing person and feel that her positive outlook on building relationships is in keeping with our Character Education Program."

Susan Messing, Proud Principal, Chancellor Charter School

I thought Laura's presentation was great. The students and I talked about it after the show. The students focused on what it must be like and feel like to look different and how important it is to treat everyone with kindness. We discussed how we all have two eyes, two ears, etc. yet how we all have special qualities that make us different. **Debbie Geller, Teacher Imagine Schools**



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