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“Emotionally charged... *Firsts* is a powerful coming of age story that tied my heartstrings in knots. Relevant and riveting... Fans of "Easy A" will root for Mercy.” ?*Caisey Quinn, bestselling author of Leaving Amarillo*

“A brave debut. Readers will be drawn in by Mercedes and this original story that is near impossible to put down. Gutsy storytelling with both humor and heart.” ?*Lori Goldstein, author of Becoming Jinn*

About the Author

LAURIE ELIZABETH FLYNN went to school for journalism and later worked as a model, a job that took her overseas to Tokyo, Athens, and Paris. She lives in London, Ontario, with her husband and her Chihuahua. *Firsts* is her first novel.

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