

BORN ON THE BAYOU

"I grew up an only child near New Orleans on a huge rice, sugarcane, and soybean farm. The moment I got the 1979 National Geographic copy of "Picture Atlas of Our World" (I still have it), I knew my life would be different. I ran...

I am who I am, not who I'm not -- the proud custodian of two lovely dogs, half-ambidextrous, chivalrous, intuitive, humble, career-oriented, a lover of the disenfranchised, capable of fixing or finding any "thing," empathetic, generous, idealistic, always down for a good time, loyal, impatient, naturally opposed to "auto-promotion," collaboratively inclined, impulsive, skeptical, occasionally too smart for my own good, artistic, adventurous, non-photogenic, weird, funny, and tough.

My life has been amazingly interesting and frequently *charmed*; it has been filled with extremely hard times, extremely great times, and extremely *beautiful people*."

Lauren is a member of the Los Angeles Local.



"The measure of a civilization is how it treats its weakest members."

- Gandhi



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