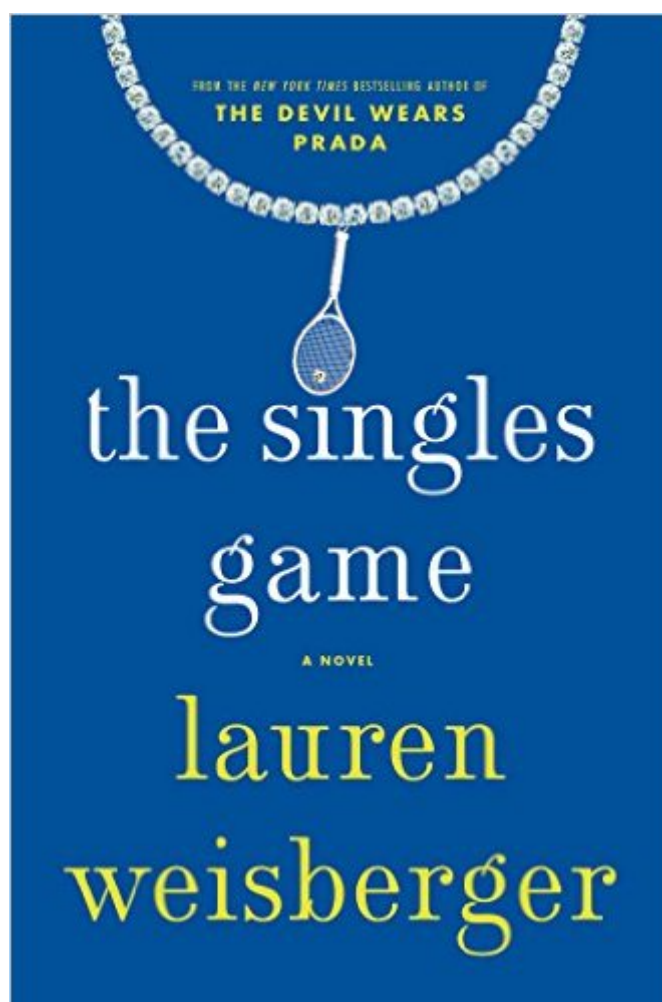


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The Singles Game



Synopsis

The new novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Devil Wears Prada* and *Revenge Wears Prada* "a dishy tell-all about a beautiful tennis prodigy who, after changing coaches, suddenly makes headlines on and off the court. How far would you go to reach the top? When America's sweetheart, Charlotte "Charlie" Silver, makes a pact with the devil "the infamously brutal tennis coach Todd Feltner "she finds herself catapulted into a world of celebrity stylists, private parties, charity matches aboard mega-yachts, and secret dates with Hollywood royalty. Under Todd's new ruthless regime, Charlie the good girl is out. Todd wants a "Warrior Princess" Charlie all the way. After all, no one ever wins big by playing nice. Celebrity mags and gossip blogs go wild for Charlie as she jets around the globe chasing Grand Slam titles and Page Six headlines. But as the Warrior Princess's star rises on and off the court, it comes at a cost. In a world obsessed with good looks and hot shots, is Charlie Silver willing to lose herself to win it all? Sweeping from Wimbledon to the Caribbean, from the US Open to the Mediterranean, *The Singles Game* is a sexy and wickedly entertaining romp through a world where the stakes are high "and no one plays by the rules.

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So here's the thing. This book? It isn't very well written. I was torn, in fact, between giving it one or two stars. I settled on two because I did finish reading it, even though I kind of hated myself for continuing to read long past the desertion of my interest in the story. I'll start with the good parts: you learn a lot about the pro tennis circuit. Lauren Weisberger clearly did her research because she

shows you the minutiae of traveling, uniforms, practice schedules, nutrition, and the like. You learn about the Wizard-like machinations behind the curtain - the image manipulation, the press, the dance of romance. This part is pretty interesting. I also thought that Charlie's father was the more compelling character in the book. You don't learn enough about him, but what Weisberger tells you makes you want to know more. He would have been the better main character. It isn't that Charlie is dull. It's that she's unoriginal. There is little to her that you haven't read elsewhere. She has above average tennis skills, good enough to be on tour but not excellent enough to win a grand slam. Everyone in her life keeps telling her to just quit, which makes you wonder if they aren't on to something. Even though Weisberger uses an omniscient narrator, she limits the perspective to Charlie's, so you really only know what Charlie thinks and what motivates her. Why does her father, her brother, her (former) coach - why do these people want her to retire at twenty-five? One person who is quite happy to have Charlie compete is her new coach, who is straight out of Central Casting for "Overbearing Brute." Again, this is a character you have seen before in dozens and dozens of books. So, too, is the Hot Mediterranean Lover.

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