

# WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU

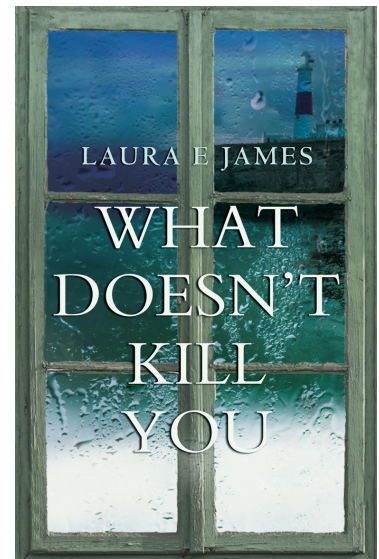
## LAURA E. JAMES

Laura's third book in her series sees the launch of our new imprint - *Dark Choc Lit* – compelling, emotional, hard-hitting novels.

*What Doesn't Kill You* is a psychological drama/mystery.

Laura tackles some seriously heavy issues within this novel: self-harming, assisted death, sexual abuse and lying to protect the ones you love.

Set in Dorset.



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**What doesn't kill you makes you stronger – but how strong can one person be?**

Griff Hendry knows what it is to be strong. After a turbulent past, he's dedicated himself to saving lives, working as a coastguard along the breathtaking shores of Dorset. It's Griff's belief that everyone is worth saving – which is why he can't forgive his father, Logan, for what he did.

Griff's future is plunged into uncertainty when his wife, Evie, tells him she wants a separation. The revelation is a shock and leads Griff to question what Evie could possibly be hiding – and she isn't the only one holding back. Griff's troubled stepdaughter, Tess, also harbours a dark secret.

As the truth is uncovered, Griff is forced to accept that perhaps he's never understood what real strength is.



**Laura** is married and has two children. She lives in Dorset, but spent her formative years in Watford, a brief train ride away from the bright lights of London. Here she indulged her love of live music, and, following a spectacular Stevie Nicks gig, decided to take up singing, a passion that scored her second place in a national competition.

Laura is a graduate of the Romantic Novelists' Association's New Writers' Scheme, a member of her local writing

group, Off The Cuff, and an editor of the popular Romaniacs blog.

Laura was runner-up twice in the Choc Lit Short Story competitions. Her story Bitter Sweet was released in Romantic Novelists' Association's Anthology.

Laura's Chesil Beach series includes, *Truth or Dare*, *Follow Me Follow You* and *What Doesn't Kill You*.

## Being Anne...

Books, travel...and other things that make life interesting...

...Laura handles extreme emotion as well as any author I know, and I suspect the strength of her writing might surprise people - the dialogue is incredibly real, the relationships wonderfully described in all their complexity, the pain of her characters something you feel. These are real people sharing very real problems, and the book has an immense emotional impact - it may surprise many Choc Lit readers, but I'd urge people to try it. I absolutely loved it.  
*Anne Williams, Reviewer at Being Anne*

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I enjoyed What Doesn't Kill You very much. It is compelling and will make you think. And since life often throws us a curveball, that's not a bad thing to have to do some deep thinking now and then. *Marsha, Reviewer at Keeper Bookshelf*

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*Victorian Quill*

This story is a heartbreaking one. There are demons of the past that won't let go, promises for the future that can't be trusted, but most of all, a love so strong that giving up is not an option. 5 Stars! *Sorcha O'Dowd, Reviewer at Old*

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*Rachel's Random Reads*

This was the first book that I had read by Laura E James, and was incredibly impressed by the writing. Not only was the storytelling very good, but the compassionate way she deals with these hard subjects is thought provoking. What Doesn't Kill You is a fabulous book, and one I am delighted that I had the opportunity to experience. *Rachel Gilbey,*

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