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## ***BLACK AND BROWN MARKERS by Lauren "ELLE" Richmond***

In 2003, at the age of 10, Lauren was diagnosed with a very rare and tenacious clival chordoma on her brainstem. For over five years Lauren fought valiantly, she remained upbeat, happy and determined to forbid the chordoma from robbing her of her childhood and thus enjoyed life to its fullest. With the spirit of a warrior Lauren taught everyone that knew her that with love, perseverance, courage, and compassion for others you can turn a terrifying experience into something good and make a difference in the world.

***"Black and Brown Markers"*** is a powerful collection of poems written by Lauren before and during her illness. Every poem is a reflection of Lauren's spirit, courage and fears and each poem means something different to the individual reader.

Lauren had a way of forming a connection of the heart with everyone she met – Lauren's beauty came from her soul, from her spirit. Every time you read Lauren's poems you feel as if she is writing about the emotions you are carrying in your heart.

Lauren wrote, "I hope that by reading my poetry everyone can allow their emotions to rise to the surface and allow themselves to recognize these emotions as the one common bond between us all.

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