

6 Fun Facts You Didn't Know About Me:

1. Fun fact. Draken went to four different high schools in four years. It makes her sound like a delinquent, and she wouldn't recommend this buffet-style sampling of the education system, but circumstances required it. In order to graduate in four years and meet the course requirements for her last school she was taking classes from 7:30am to 6pm some days.
2. Fun fact. Draken founded her own imprint in 2017, but it wasn't her first time in the publishing industry. At the age of 9 she created a publishing house, EKS-Press, with her two siblings to publish a bi-monthly newspaper they wrote themselves. By the time the business shuttered, they had over 100 subscribers.
3. I was homeschooled back before homeschooling was cool. In order to find cool way to meet physical education needs, my mum enrolled the three of us in a fencing course. Little did they know we would start training with the woman olympic coach!
4. I love to write, but I couldn't spell myself into a job as a barista at Starbucks. At 7, I got disqualified from the county spelling bee for misspelling the number 6. "S-I-X-E" (it was during what I call my 'e' period – if I was unsure about a word, which I often was, I'd tack an 'e' to the end for good measure).
5. Always interested in languages, I chose French over German at university because I thought German was terribly impractical (the grammar was gratuitously complicated and if I ever found myself in the country, most Germans spoke some English). Later I would move to Marry a German in China, work at a German auto maker, and move to Germany after Beijing. Sometimes the fates have other ideas!
6. To balance the intensity and seriousness of writing crime stories, I sometimes writes Sweet Romance for fun under the pen name Lawrence Drake.