

# EMMA LASAINE

## Columnist & Contributing Editor

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### **What is your favorite book?**

Every time someone asks me this question a piece of my soul dies. But if you desperately need a recommendation, try Scott Simon's novel *Windy City* for some laughs, sizzling food descriptions, and a too-true (albeit fictional) look at Chicago politics.

### **What is the last show you binged-watched?**

Lifetime's *UnREAL*, a deliciously dramatized look at the psychological torture visited upon reality show contestants and crews alike. It's basically made for those of us who want to get drunk and snarky about *The Bachelor* while still pretending we have self respect.

### **Briefly describe how you got into writing.**

Storytelling has always been my jam. Throughout childhood and adolescence I was always making weird films, putting on play adaptations of books with my friends, and writing angsty poetry. In high

school, I realized I could get paid to write for a living. In college, I realized I probably won't.

### **Which fictional character do you wish was your best friend?**

Wednesday Addams is my role model.

### **Are you a coffee, tea, or juice person? Why?**

I'm a sipping-hot-cocoa-while-unsolicitedly-reminding-strangers-and-loved-ones-alike-that-we-are-all-slowly-rotting-toward-the-oblivion-of-death person. Also green or herbal tea.

### **What do you wish you were doing right now?**

Successfully dismantling the capitalist hetero-patriarchy.

### **What's your ideal reading (or writing) spot?**

My couch, the EI, or the Impressionist exhibit in the Museum of the Art Institute of Chicago.

### **Whose music are you listening to these days?**

Sharon Van Etten will always have a place on my playlist, but lately I've been digging the British Invasion bands. The Kinks can turn a sarcastic phrase about the bougoise like nobody's business.

### **Name one random fact about yourself.**

I make a mean chocolate cake.