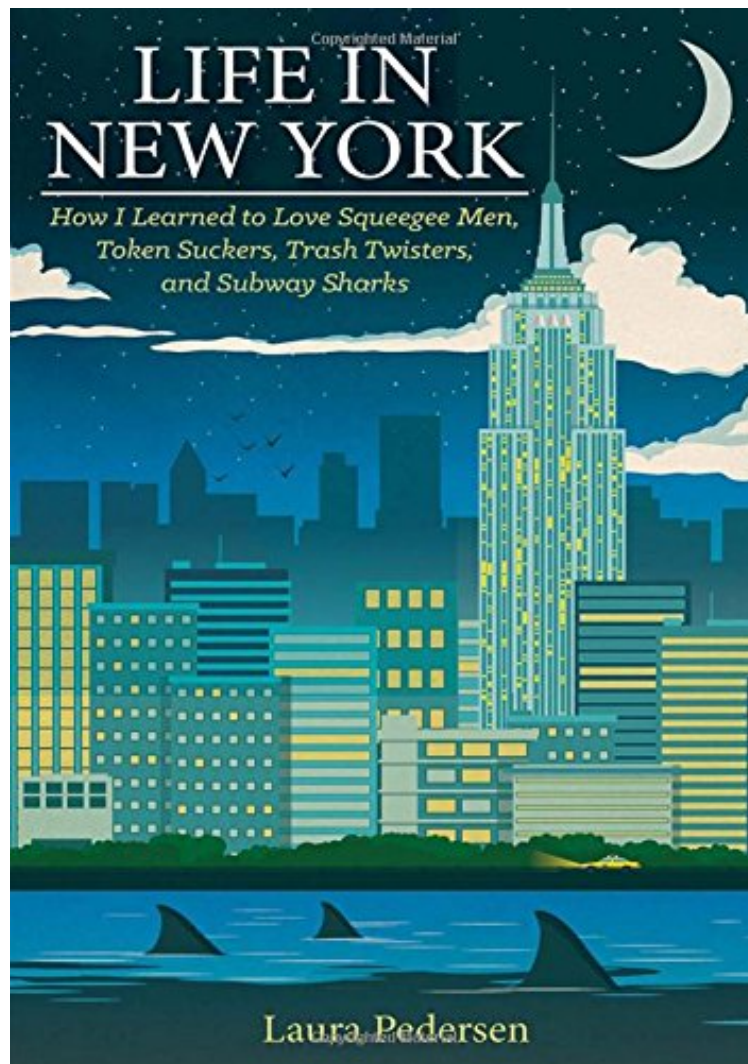


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Winner of: 2015 Seven Sister Books Award, Nonfiction Laura Pedersen, author of bestseller *Play Money* and award-winning *Buffalo Gal*, serves up a hilarious memoir about three decades of city life. Originally from Buffalo, NY, friends thought the seventeen-year-old was suffering from blizzard delirium when she left Buffalo for Manhattan. Pedersen experiences her adopted city in the best and worst of times while becoming the youngest person to have a seat on the stock exchange, performing stand-up comedy, and writing a column in the *New York Times*. Neighborhoods that feature chai bars, Pilates studios, and Gymboree were once drug dens, ganglands, and shantytowns. A trip to Central Park often ended in central booking, identifying a perp in a lineup.

Finalist for the 2015 Seven Sisters Book Awards "The prolific author and playwright Laura Pedersen parcels her stream of consciousness into wily and witty essays in *Life in New York: How I Learned to Love Squeegee Men, Token Suckers, Trash Twisters and Subway Sharks*." *The New York Times* "A wonderfully written history of New York covering all the bases from the subway system, fashion, graffiti to Wall Street, the many offbeat illuminating facts are eye openers. Laura Pedersen's comedic gift really made this read a memorable journey on the authentic New York only a local could provide. Thanks to Pedersen I feel like an almost honorary New Yorker." *My Book Self* blog for *Buffalo Gal: A Memoir*: "Buffalo Gal: A Memoir, by Laura Pedersen, offers a humorous look at growing up in upstate New York during the 1970s." *Publishers Weekly* "Above all, this book is laugh-out-loud funny. Pedersen infuses the book with humor and a wonderful take on the world in which she grew up. Her excellence in writing allows her to infuse deep humor without slapstick and without taking away from or demeaning a life, a place, and a time." *Front Street* sHonorable Mention, Memoir category - Eric Hoffer Awards (2009) "With a title like this, how can you possibly resist picking up the book! New York scares this country girl, so I always love to read about it - to me it's like looking at the wild lands of some foreign country in *National Geo*! I love the stories!" *Dew on the Kudzu* blog