

**E.V. Stephens’s new book “Shortcuts: A Valerie Benchik Novel” is the second installment in the series following the adventures of the indomitable Bedford detective.**

*Recent release “Shortcuts” from Page Publishing author E.V. Stephens is a fast-paced crime drama featuring Detective Valerie Benchik, the fearless Chicago-area detective whose past returns to haunt her personal and professional life. Join Val on her mission to clear her name and put a killer behind bars for good.*

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) March 15, 2019 -- E.V. Stephens, a lifelong resident of Chicago, has completed her book “Shortcuts: A Valerie Benchik Novel”: an action-packed crime story featuring a fearless detective who does not hesitate to put her life on the line for justice.

Stephens writes, “Detectives Valerie Benchik and Greg Payton team up on a new case when the first killer Val arrested turns up dead in a Dumpster only weeks after being released from prison on a technicality.

Val supported the relatives of Curtis Shelton’s victims throughout his trial, and she’s reluctant to dredge up their painful memories even when evidence suggests one of them may have taken revenge. Her behavior forces Payton and others to question her commitment to the case, so the last thing Val needs is a distraction, but she ends up with three. First, her estranged sister, Kelly, returns to Bedford and shares a shocking secret that threatens their relationship and Kelly’s sobriety. Next, Val gets blindsided by the news that the man who murdered her childhood friend, Annie Fiorello, is being released from prison after a witness recanted his testimony. And then, before she can find solid ground, a rift develops between Val and her BFF Connie Warren after Connie becomes the victim of a crime.

One fateful night, while feeling as though she failed to protect everyone she loves, Val recklessly confronts Annie’s killer, and when he’s found dead, she becomes the prime suspect in her own investigation.”

Published by New York City-based Page Publishing, E.V. Stephens’s book is a riveting crime novel weaving a complex tale around the personal and professional adventures of the fearless Detective Val Benchik.

Readers who wish to experience this gripping work can [purchase](#) “Shortcuts: A Valerie Benchik Novel” at bookstores everywhere, or online at the Apple iTunes store, Amazon, Google Play, or Barnes and Noble.

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