

# Strong Women Strange Worlds

## Third Thursday Quick Reads, August 19, 2021

Featuring



**Lauren C. Tefteau** author of *Implanted*

A young woman is blackmailed into being a courier for a clandestine organization, transporting secrets encoded in her blood throughout the high-tech domed city of New Worth. When a data drop goes bad, Emery is caught between factions: those who want her blood, and those who just want her dead. [laurenctefteau.com](http://laurenctefteau.com)



**Kathryn Sullivan** author of *The Crystal Throne*

Two twelve-year-olds pulled into a magical world and asked to break a curse. Witches, wizards, and talking horses.

<https://www.amazon.com/Crystal-Throne-Kathryn-Sullivan-ebook/dp/B07VK38RXP/>  
<http://kathrynsullivan.com>



**Alma Alexander** author of *Fractured Fairy Tales*

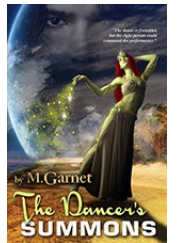
Welcome to the land where Tales are told. There is a path unfolding in front of you, paved with words, leading into secret places - the dangerous, the remembered, the familiar, the unknown. This book is a key to the gate of that realm. Open the door. Go through.

[www.AlmaAlexander.org](http://www.AlmaAlexander.org)



**Muriel Garnet** author of *The Dancer's Summons*

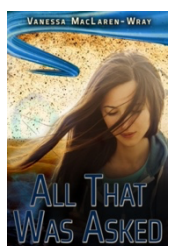
When a dangerous gene was discovered among her people, the Gov. gave them two choices: altered or death. Her parents chose to die together, after finding a way to smuggle her out. But after years of feeling safe, she has someone watching her, who knows her history. Don't dance—run. [www.mgarnet.com](http://www.mgarnet.com)



**Vanessa MacLaren-Wray** author of *All That Was Asked*

Ansegwe — perpetual student, aspiring poet, and scion of the allegedly criminal Varayla Syndicate — promised he'd behave on this cross-world expedition. Then he stumbles on an injured alien and violates every protocol in the handbook to save its life. Ansegwe will need to grow up, now that he's adopted an alien.

<https://cometarytales.com/>



**December Cuccaro** author of "How the Wolf Domesticated Herself"

A flash fairy-tale about revenge and relationships. The story is forthcoming in the final issue of Aurelia Leo's magazine *Selene Quarterly* due out this September.

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In addition to the authors who read today, please check out the organizers of the **Strong Women•Strange Worlds Group Author Reading Series**



**Terri Bruce** writes hard-to-classify fantasy and science fiction stories that explore the supernatural side of everyday things. She is the author of the paranormal/contemporary fantasy “Afterlife” series, the speculative fiction short story collection *SOULS*, and numerous short stories in various anthologies and magazines.

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**Anne E.G. Nydam** makes relief block prints celebrating the wonders of worlds both real and imaginary, and writes books for all ages about adventure, creativity, magic, and looking for the best in others. Her most recent book is *On the Virtues of Beasts of the Realms of Imagination*.

[www.NydamPrints.com](http://www.NydamPrints.com)



**Sarah Smith's** Agatha winning mysteries and SF are published in 14 languages and have become bestsellers here and abroad. William Martin says of her latest mystery, *Crimes and Survivors*, “Read it and be enthralled!” She loves hanging with readers and fellow writers.

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**Jane C. Esther** is a librarian and writer living on a tiny farm outside Boston. They usually like writing science and speculative fiction, but are currently preoccupied by cats, chickens and videogames. Their first book, *The Universe Between Us*, earned a nod on *The Advocate's* 2018 Icons list. Their most recent series comprises *Uninvited* and *Convergence*.

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**Patricia Correll** is the author of fantasy and horror novels, novellas and short stories, as well as daily to-do lists. Thief, archer, and food for fire ants, she lives in Alabama with her family.

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**Kate Pope** is the "token non-author" on the organizing committee. She is a reader extraordinaire, and a tie-dye artist.

Plus **Kathryn Sullivan**, seen above in today's featured authors.