

Strong Women Strange Worlds

First Friday QuickReads, December 2, 2022

Featuring



Alicia McCalla author of *Curse of the Spiral* Anthology

A strange symbol. Supernatural events. Portals to parallel worlds. A group of extraordinary writers gathered in Salem, Massachusetts to collaborate on an eerie anthology. These talented writers wrote a collection of short stories in a co-created world that will satisfy even the most hardcore dark fantasy and speculative fiction readers.

<https://aliciamccalla.com/>



Ren Hutchings author of *Under Fortunate Stars*

When a time anomaly brings a scientific research ship into contact with the past, the outcome of an interstellar war hangs in the balance. But after the crew rescues a ramshackle hauler with their historical heroes on board, they discover that those heroes have made very different life choices.

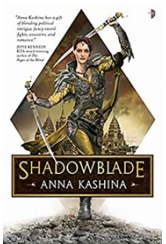
<https://www.renhutchings.com>



Anna Kashina author of *Shadowblade*

A young sword prodigy must impersonate a lost princess and throw her life into a deadly political game that will upset the balance of powers in the empire.

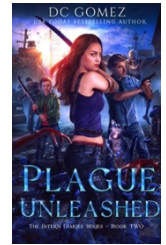
www.annakashina.com



DC Gomez author of *Plague Unleashed*

A disgruntled employee, sibling rivalry, and zombie attacks. Who said Texarkana was boring? *Plague Unleashed* is the second book in the action-packed and humorous Urban Fantasy series The Intern Diaries.

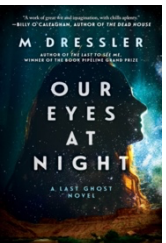
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M Dressler author of *Our Eyes at Night*

A "superior paranormal thriller" (Publishers Weekly) and "totally engrossing, overflowing with confounding questions about life and death" (Booklist). Its ghostly narrator asks: are we leaving the world more fit for the dead than the living?

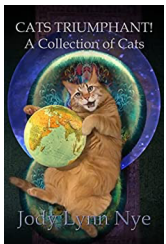
mdressler.com



Jody Lynn Nye author of *Cats Triumphant!*

A collection of Nye's cat stories, ranging from science fiction to fantasy to mystery, most of them with a humorous bent. "Defender of the Small" follows a mercenary on her way back from the war who takes on some most unexpected clients.

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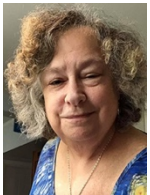
In addition to the authors who read today, please check out the organizers of the **Strong Women•Strange Worlds Group Author Reading Series**



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