

Strong Women Strange Worlds

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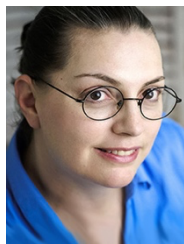
Featuring



Denise Crittendon author of *Where it Rains in Color*

On a utopic resort planet, a rare beauty with whispers of light in her midnight skin is nagged by odd voices and fatal scars that force her into exile and a new reality: She morphs into a seer who enters the minds of ancestors from the late Earth.

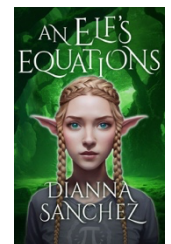
<https://denisecrittendon.blog>



Diana Sanchez author of *An Elf's Equations*

When a rare sentient tree named Thea is kidnapped, Sagara joins her friends Millie, Petunia, and Max on a journey to the nearby Realm of Vanaheim. Sagara must navigate a ritual, court etiquette, and wartime negotiations in a world where basic laws of nature have been twisted out of true.

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Julie C. Day author of "Whole Bodies Are Never Left Behind"

What do you do when the world collectively decides to move on? A boy's love for his grandfather finds expression in an unexpected obsession with small animal remains.

Story forthcoming in *Black Static* 82/83.

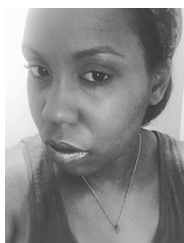
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KC Grifant author of *Melinda West: Monster Gunslinger*

In an Old West overrun by monsters, a stoic gunslinger must embark on a dangerous quest to save her friends and stop a supernatural war. *The Witcher* meets "Bonnie and Clyde" in a re-imagined Old West full of diverse characters, desolate landscapes, and fast-paced adventure. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0BNWR19WN>

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Delizhia Jenkins author of *The Book of Maya*

A witch with the power to open the gates of Hell itself and a destiny to unleash one of the Fallen is indeed a recipe for a cosmic disaster. But as Fate would have it, even a witch like Maya would be granted a choice: become a harbinger of death and destruction or rewrite her narrative in the archives of destiny and become someone great. missjenkinsbooks.com



Sarena Ulibarri author of *Another Life*

When a scientific method for discovering past lives emerges, the beloved leader of a peaceful community in Death Valley learns she's the reincarnation of one of recent history's greatest villains.

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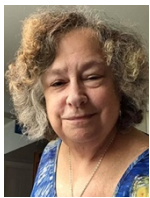
In addition to the authors who read today, please check out the organizers of the
Strong Women•Strange Worlds Group Author Reading Series



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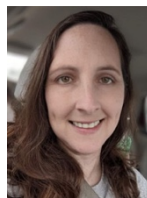
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