

Strong Women Strange Worlds

First Friday QuickReads, February 3, 2023

Organizer Spotlight Featuring



Kathryn Sullivan author of *Talking to Trees*

Jody Burns borrows her brother's silvery bracelet because it looks good with her outfits. But when a green-haired girl appears in search of a hero, she discovers the bracelet is the key to another world.

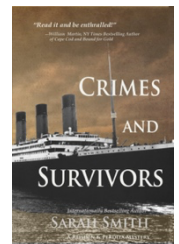
kathrynsullivan.com



Sarah Smith author of *Crimes and Survivors*

A young society woman learns that the grandfather she barely knows may be passing for white. She follows him onto the newest, safest, biggest ship in the world to find a truth she can live with. But after the iceberg, she finds the truth is more than black and white. And what she'll have to find is not a convenient truth, but a new America.

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Elaine Pascale author of "The Middle"

A short story from *Anterior Skies* Volume 1, an anthology of the weird and cosmic.

<https://elainepascale.com>



Ef Deal author of *Esprit de Corpse*

When a malfunctioning automaton derails the Paris-Orléans railway, Jacqueline Duval and her lycanthrope twin Angélique Laforge become embroiled in a mystery deeply rooted in their tragic past. Their investigation puts the twins on a dangerous path to foil a plot to employ the dead of the Paris Catacombs to power a mechanical army aimed at international conquest.

www.efdeal.net



Elaine Isaak author of *A Wreck of Dragons*

Teens and their giant robots search for a new home for mankind, but the planet they discover belongs to the dragons.

bit.ly/WreckofDragons



Anne E.G. Nydam author of *Song Against Shadow*

Svarnil is chosen by the immortal Cumarún to rescue the Deerfolk from a shadowy warrior king and the mysterious Death that follows him. Unfortunately, Svarnil is no warrior hero. She's never learned sword fighting, cannot perform magic, and seems to have no special powers. But what other ways can there be of meeting the dangers and conflicts she faces?

<http://nydamprints.com>



We've enjoyed the contributions of many volunteers during the past two years. In addition to the members of the Organizing Committee who read today, please check out the work of these members who are also currently involved in making Strong Women-Strange Worlds possible.



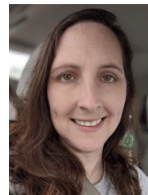
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