

# Strong Women Strange Worlds

## First Friday QuickReads, May 5, 2023

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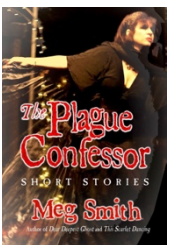
**Frances Lu-Pai Ippolito** author of “Number One”  
*Mother: Tales of Love and Terror* There is no one with more power and control over the fate of the world than a mother. Whether it’s an evil stepmother or a virtuous mother-to-be, there are stories inherent in the acts of mothering and being mothered.  
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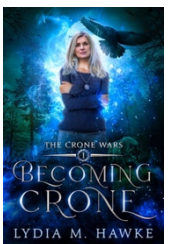
**J.S. Fields** author of *Queen*  
Nobody leaves Queen. On the tidally locked, women-only planet, a vulva and an authority problem are the only immigration requirements. Emigration is banned.  
<https://www.amazon.com/Queen-Hidden-Earth-Book-1-ebook/dp/B09YGTV1DH/> <http://www.jsfieldsbooks.com>



**Meg Smith** author of *The Plague Confessor*  
A collection of short stories, with varied themes of space and time, body horror, cosmic horror, the relationship of human beings to animals and nature, belief or lack of belief in the supernatural, and historical conflicts viewed through a personal lens.  
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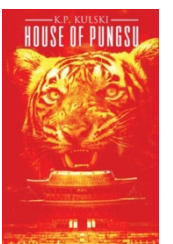
**Lydia M. Hawke** author of *Becoming Crone*  
She's 60 years old and destined to save the world ... just as soon as she finds her reading glasses. A refreshing story of supernatural mayhem starring a cranky gargoyle, an overprotective wolf-shifter, and the menopausal grandmother who inherits them both.  
<https://Books2read.com/becoming-crone>  
[LydiaHawkeBooks.com](http://LydiaHawkeBooks.com)



**Carol Gyzander** author of “Call of the Void--L'Appel du Vide”  
Ellen feels compelled to visit Utah’s Arches National Park. She wants to understand why her mother, who recently passed from Alzheimer’s, was so drawn to the red rock formation called Medusa—and see if her own life has a purpose. ~ Cosmic horror story, *Weird Tales Magazine* <https://bit.ly/WeirdTales367>  
[CarolGyzander.com](http://CarolGyzander.com)



**K.P. Kulski** author of *House of Pungsu*  
No one knows what’s beyond the walls of the Joseon-era palace that never seems to decay, a sprawling complex where daughter, mother, and grandmother are the only inhabitants. Following the Korean folk story of “A Tiger’s Whisker,” *House of Pungsu* is a feminist meditation on women’s inner identity and the struggle to rediscover it.  
[garnetonwinter.com](http://garnetonwinter.com)



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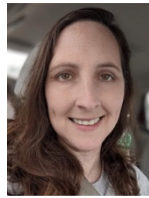
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