

Strong Women Strange Worlds

Third Thursday QuickReads, June 15, 2023

Featuring



Loren Rhoads author of "Dumb Supper"

Loren Rhoads's Alondra stories have appeared in the books *Best New Horror #27*, *Strange California*, *Fright Mare: Women Write Horror*, *Sins of the Sirens*, *The Haunted Mansion Project: Year One*, *Unsafe Words*, and earlier this year, in *Occult Detective*. They're collected in kindle format starting with *Alondra's Experiments*.

lorenrhoads.com



Hadeer Elsbai author of *The Daughters of Izdihar*

A duology inspired by modern Egyptian history, about two young women--Nehal, a spoiled aristocrat used to getting what she wants and Giorgina, a poor bookshop worker used to having nothing-- who find they have far more in common, particularly in their struggle for the rights of women and their ability to fight for it with forbidden elemental magic. <https://hadeerelsbai.com/>



Kaaron Warren author of *Bitters*

The giant metal man has stood for hundreds of years, head tilted back, mouth open. The dead of the town are carried up his long staircase and tipped in. At his toe emerges the Bitters, the lifeblood of the town, keeping them healthy and prosperous as the sick and needy come to buy and drink. Twitter @kaaronwarren

<https://www.cemeterydance.com/bitterswarren>



Kristi McManus author of *Our Vengeful Souls*

A cursed mermaid seeks revenge against the brother who betrayed her, while fighting to protect her secrets, and her life, in the realm of Atlantis.

www.kristimcmanus.ca



Branwen OShea author of *The Calling*

5 POV, 2 Worlds, 1 Planet. In a future ice age, Bleu's expedition team emerges from their subterranean haven to discover humans are no longer the dominant species on Earth.

<https://twitter.com/BranwenOShea>



Tori Eldridge author of *Dance Among the Flames*

A "stunningly original" dark journey into Brazilian mysticism about a desperate mother who rises from poverty and abuse to embrace Quimbanda magic on a quest for power and revenge. Forty years, three continents, and a past life in 1560 France. "An emotional powerhouse!" Publishers Weekly Starred Review

<https://torieldridge.com>



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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Kathryn Sullivan writes stories where girls are the explorers, the wizards, and the ones who solve problems and rescue people. Her books include *The Crystal Throne* and *Agents, Adepts, & Apprentices*. www.kathrynsullivan.com



Ef Deal has been writing speculative fiction for over fifty years. Her short story "Czesko" received honorable mention in *Gardner Dozois' Year's Best Science Fiction and Fantasy*. She is Assistant Fiction Editor at *Abyss&Apex Magazine*. Her first novel is *Esprit de Corpse*. www.efdeal.net



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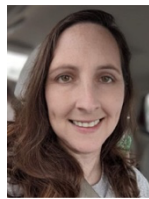
Kate Pope is the "token non-author" on the organizing committee. She is a reader extraordinaire, and a tie-dye artist.



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