

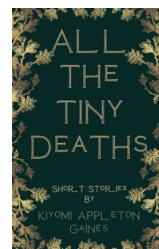
Strong Women Strange Worlds

First Friday QuickReads, July 7, 2023

Featuring



Kiyomi Appleton Gaines author of “A Stranger in Our Midst” from her short story collection *All the Tiny Deaths*
A dark story of a young selkie, first caught by seal hunters, then caught up by local affairs beyond her control. She struggles to reclaim her true form and return to the sea before it's too late.
workofheartkag.wordpress.com



Mindi Briar author of *The Invisible Bright*
Miri, a disgraced priestess removed from her religious order for being unable to control her telepathic powers, and Leo, her childhood sweetheart with a magnetism for trouble, must team up to solve a murder in Leo's utopian community—a crime that their dragon protectors failed to prevent.
www.mindibriar.com



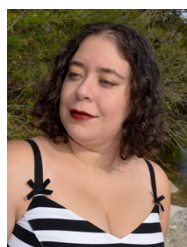
Nicole M. Wolverton author of “Them Oranges”
Being pregnant has strengthened Lettie Hanrahan's sense of smell, and on the first day of June her enhanced ability will threaten the happy life she's made for herself. Originally published by *Jersey Devil Press Issue 53*, April 2014, and reprinted in *Luna Station Quarterly Issue 46*, June 2021. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1949077241>
https://www.jerseydevilpress.com/?page_id=6034
www.nicolewolverton.com



Cindy Lynn Speer author of *The Key to All Things*
By day Lady Avriel hears about the romance between a human nobleman and the Queen of the Fae. But for three hours every night she remembers a completely different world, where he belongs to her. The world has fallen under a spell, and to set things right Avriel must face the all-powerful Elder Fae and confront the darkest powers that rule her destiny – but if she proceeds, her actions will bring chaos and open her kingdom to destruction. www.apenandfire.com



Cari Lyn Jones author and illustrator of *What Every Dragon Needs*
What does every dragon need? Why a princess of course! Or so says the wise old frog. Follow a young dragon named Percival as he sets out on a quest to learn what a princess is, and more importantly where to find one.
<https://carilynjones.com/>



Leticia Urieta author of *Las Criaturas*
A hybrid collection that blends poetic and speculative narrative forms. The poems and stories play with traditional storytelling forms to ruminate on the monstrous, unruly, vulnerable, strength and beauty in the feminine and seek to reclaim people's power in powerless situations. <https://www.flowersongpress.com/store-j9lRp/p/lasciaturas>
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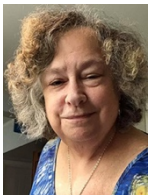
In addition to the authors who read today, please check out the organizers of the
Strong Women•Strange Worlds Group Author Reading Series



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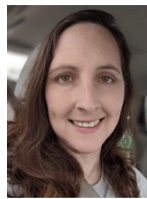
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