

# Strong Women Strange Worlds

## First Friday QuickReads, August 5, 2022

Featuring



**Judith Huang** author of *Sofia and the Utopia Machine*

A young girl sets off an actual big bang in the Utopia Machine in a secret government lab. When this happens she loses everything – her family, her country, her world and her worldview, and must go on the run with only her wits and her mysterious online friend, “Isaac”, to help her. Can she save her worlds and herself?

[www.judithhuang.com](http://www.judithhuang.com)



**C.J. Lavigne** author of *In Veritas*

A woman seeking truth finds a hidden world inside the walls of an old theatre. A story told through missing pieces and lost words. An angel. A magician. A dog. <https://books2read.com/inveritas>

[www.cjlavigne.com](http://www.cjlavigne.com)



**Elin Olausson** author of *Growth*

Twenty dark tales of psychosocial horror fill the pages of this stunningly creepy short story collection debut. Filled with madness and darkness, Olausson’s stories will leave readers thinking about their own sanity and questioning the motives of those closest to them.

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09WPY36K5>

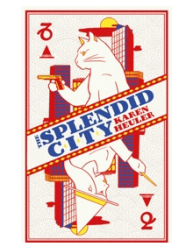
[www.elinolausson.com](http://www.elinolausson.com)



**Karen Heuler** author of *The Splendid City*

In Liberty, the breakaway state formerly called Texas, a river has been stolen, animatronic presidential heads keep an eye out, and parades and giveaways are a constant distraction. The novice witch Eleanor made a big mistake by changing Stan into a cat. He has a short temper and a gun.

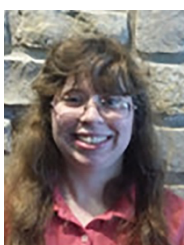
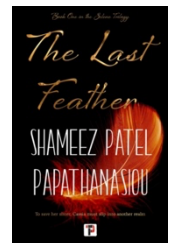
[karenheuler.com](http://karenheuler.com)



**Shameez Patel Papathanasiou** author of *The Last Feather*

South African born, debut author brings a threat-and-danger, hidden-world fantasy with touches of Suzanne Collins, which fans of VE Schwab or Sarah J Maas will love.

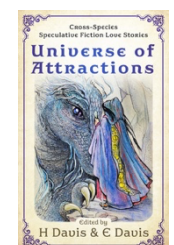
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**Elizabeth Davis** author of “Drawing Down the Moon” from *Universe of Attractions*

A flash fiction story about a woman who manages to romance the moon.

[Deadfishbooks.com](http://Deadfishbooks.com)



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



**Terri Bruce** writes hard-to-classify fantasy and science fiction stories that explore the supernatural side of everyday things. She is the author of the "Afterlife" series, the short story collection *SOULS*, and numerous short stories in anthologies and magazines. [www.terribruce.net](http://www.terribruce.net)



**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](http://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](http://www.efdeal.net)



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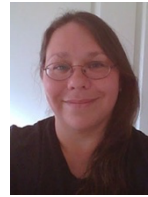


**Elaine Pascale** is the author of *The Blood Lights; If Nothing Else, Eve, We've Enjoyed the Fruit;* and *The Thin Contract*. She is also the editor of *Dancing in the Shadows: A Tribute to Anne Rice*. Her writing can also be found in numerous anthologies and magazines. <https://www.elainepascale.com>

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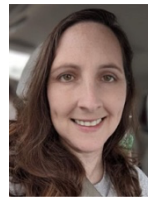
**Anne E.G. Nydam** makes relief block prints and writes books for all ages about adventure, magic, and wonder. Her most recent book is *On the Virtues of Beasts of the Realms of Imagination*. [www.NydamPrints.com](http://www.NydamPrints.com)



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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.



**Jenn Gott** is an author, fangirl, and jack of all hobbies. She lives in a fairytale forest where, when she's not writing, you can usually find her playing life simulation games, sketching, or entertaining her rambunctious cat.

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