

Strong Women Strange Worlds HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA, December 12, 2021

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Featured Authors, Alphabetically

Alma Alexander is an internationally published novelist, short story writer and anthologist who lives in the Pacific Northwest of the USA with the obligatory writer's cats and assorted visiting wildlife. www.AlmaAlexander.org

Speed-Date: *Changer of Days*

Scavenger Hunt, Facebook Party



E.C. Ambrose wrote The Dark Apostle historical fantasy series about medieval surgery and the Bone Guard international thrillers. Her latest release is *The King of Next Week*. As Elaine Isaak, she wrote The Singer's Legacy series. A former professional costumer, Elaine now works as a part-time adventure guide. rocinantebooks.com

Speed-Date: *The King of Next Week*

Scavenger Hunt, Facebook Party



MB Austin vacations in a past that never was, within a questionably utopian (but unquestionably genderqueer) 1850s Mediterranean, the Trencadis universe. MB lives with her wife in Seattle, an excellent town for caffeine-powered writers who don't need too much sun. She hangs out @MBAustinAuthor on FB, Twitter, and Instagram. www.mbaustin.me

MadLibs: *Smithereens*
Cookbook: *Smithereens*



Claudia Blood's early introduction to Dungeons and Dragons, combined with her training as a scientist and a side trip into the world of IT set her up to become an award-winning author of Science Fiction and Fantasy. www.ClaudiaBlood.com

Speed-Date: *Book of Secrets*



Lisa Bouchard – At this point in life, Lisa feels like she's done it all: physicist, homeschooling mother of four, college instructor, professional knitter, software engineer...the list goes on. She has published four books in her Isabella Proctor paranormal cozy mystery series this year and has plans for six more in 2022.

Speed-Date: Isabella Proctor paranormal cozy mysteries
Microfiction Contest: *What in Carnation*



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 paranormal/contemporary fantasy Afterlife series, the speculative fiction short story collection *SOULS*, and numerous short stories in various anthologies and magazines. www.terribruce.net

Whose Scene: *Thereafter* (Afterlife #2)
Microfiction Contest: *Hereafter*
Scavenger Hunt, Facebook Party



Samantha Bryant wishes she were taller, faster, and braver, so she writes characters who are. Her Menopausal Superhero Series can be found at <http://samanthabryant.com> or at your favorite bookseller upon request. Remember: heroism has no age limit.

<http://samanthabryant.com>

Speed-Date: *Going Through the Change*
Cookbook: The Menopausal Superhero series



KT Bryski is a Canadian author and podcaster. Her short fiction has appeared in many places, including *Nightmare*, *Lightspeed*, *PodCastle* and *Augur*. She's been a Parsec Award winner, finalist for the Sunburst and Aurora awards, and she co-chairs the ephemera reading series. KT enjoys choral music and craft beer. <https://www.youtube.com/c/ephemeraseries>

MadLibs: *To Escape the Hungry Deep*



LJ Cohen is a novelist, poet, potter, and relentless optimist. After 25 years as a physical therapist, LJ now puts her skills to use injuring characters in her science fiction and fantasy novels. *A Star in the Void*, the final book of her Halcyone Space series was published in 2018. <http://www.ljcohen.net>

MadLibs: *Derelect*
Twitter Party



Patricia Correll is the author of fantasy and horror novels, novellas and short stories, ghost stories, fantasy, and daily to-do lists. Thief, archer, food for fire ants. She lives in Alabama with her family. https://twitter.com/Author_PCorrell

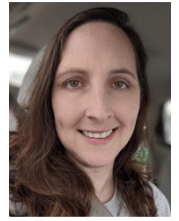
QuickRead: "Christmas Eve at the New House"

Microfiction Contest: *The Unseen World*

Art Show:

Cookbook: multiple

Scavenger Hunt, Facebook Party



Theresa Crater brings ancient temples, lost civilizations, and secret societies back to life in her visionary fiction. Her award-winning Power Places series includes *Under the Stone Paw*, *Beneath the Hallowed Hill*, *Return of the Grail King*, and *Into the City of Light*. The first in her Mystic Assassin series is *Assassin Awakens*. Stand-alones are *School of Hard Knocks*, *The Star Family*, and *God in a Box*. Her short stories explore ancient myth brought into the present day. theresalcrater.com

Speed-Date: Power Places series



Randee Dawn is a Brooklyn-based author/ journalist. Her first novel, the humorous pop-culture fantasy *Tune in Tomorrow*, will publish in 2022 (Solaris). Her short fiction appears in podcast and publications including *Dim Shores Presents* and *Horror for the Throne*; her non-fiction in *Variety*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and Today.com.

<http://www.randeedawn.com>

QuickRead: "Home for the Holidays"

Scavenger Hunt



Dr. Maria DeBlassie is a native New Mexican mestiza and award-winning writer and educator living in the Land of Enchantment. She writes and teaches about everyday magic, ordinary gothic, romance, and all things witchy. She is forever looking for magic in her life and somehow always finding more than she thought was there. www.mariadeblassie.com

~~Speed-Date: Weep, Woman, Weep~~

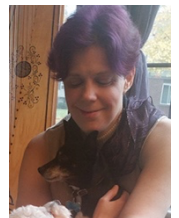
~~Facebook Party, Twitter Party~~



Lindsey Duncan is a chef / pastry chef (CPC CSW), professional Celtic harp performer and life-long writer, with short fiction and poetry in numerous speculative fiction publications. Her science fiction novel, *Scylla and Charybdis*, is available from Grimbold Books. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. <http://www.lindseyduncan.com>

MadLibs: *Scylla and Charybdis*

Scavenger Hunt



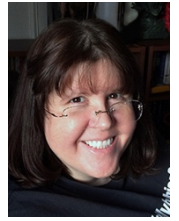
Jane C. Esther is a librarian and writer living on a tiny farm outside Boston. They usually like writing science and speculative fiction, but are currently preoccupied by cats, chickens and videogames. Their first book, *The Universe Between Us*, a finalist for a Foreword Indies award, earned them a nod on The Advocate's 2018 Icons list. Their most recent series comprises *Uninvited* and *Convergence*. janecesther.com

Speed-Date: The Portal Series



Melanie Fletcher lives in North Dallas with her husband and their fabulous furbabies. When not herding five cats and an engineer, she turns into SF Writer Girl. Her first novel is the alternate history mystery *A Most Malicious Murder*, available from Amazon and other booksellers. www.melaniefletcher.com

Speed-Date: Two Thrones series



Penelope Flynn writes and illustrates adult-targeted horror, suspense, science fiction and fantasy. Her works have been in several anthologies and the third book of her Chronicles of Renfields series launched in September 2021. She moderates the podcast Discussions From the Otherhood and heads Ambitious Hybrid Multimedia and Prolific Hybrid Multimedia.

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MadLibs: *The Chronicles of Renfields: Regarding Koescu* (Revenant Lineage Book I)

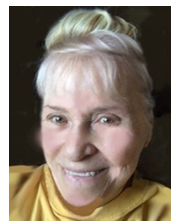
Art Show: *The Chronicles of Renfields: Regarding Koescu* (Revenant Lineage Book I),

The Chronicles of Renfields: The First Book of Ramona



M. Garnet is from Ohio and Kentucky and was schooled at the Museum of Toledo and at Bowling Green U. She ran a family business that got the whole family traveling worldwide. After retiring, her real career took off and she has over 75 books published in SciFi and Mystery with a touch of love. www.mgarnet.com

Speed-Date: *The Rise of the Storm Warrior* (Storm Planet series)



Jennie Goloboy is an author and literary agent who lives in Minneapolis, MN with her husband and two children. Her novel *Obviously, Aliens* was published by Queen of Swords Press in November of 2021, and she has a short story forthcoming in F&SF.

<https://queenofswordspress.com/authors/jennie-goloboy/>

QuickRead: "A Demon's Christmas Carol"

Cookbook: *Obviously, Aliens*

Scavenger Hunt



Carol Gyzander writes and edits horror, dark fiction, and sci-fi in the northern New Jersey suburbs of New York City. She is Co-Coordinator of the HWA NY Chapter and co-hosts their online Galactic Terrors readings every second Thursday (see HWANY.org). HWA, MWA, HNS, BU. CarolGyzander.com

Speed-Date: *Taught by Time: Myth Goes Punk*

Art Show: *Taught by Time: Myth Goes Punk*



Kate Heartfield is the author of *The Embroidered Book*, a historical fantasy novel coming out in February 2022. Her debut novel won Canada's Aurora Award, and her novellas, stories and games have been shortlisted for the Nebula, Locus, Crawford, Sunburst and Aurora awards. A former journalist, Kate lives near Ottawa, Canada.

<https://heartfieldfiction.com/>

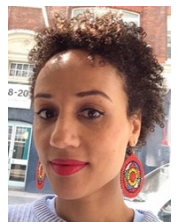
Speed-Date: *The Embroidered Book*



Jali Henry is half English, half South African. Her World Breacher trilogy incorporates her Grandmother's Sotho cultural heritage. Jali's novels feature diverse characters and combine gritty realism with paranormal fantasy. She lives in London with her husband and daughters, and dreams of quitting her assistant day job to write full-time. www.jalihenry.com

Speed Date: *Cursed Charm*

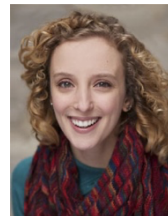
Scavenger Hunt, Facebook Party



Dani Hoots is a young adult sci-fi and fantasy author and likes to be inspired by ancient tales. She enjoys reading about history, astronomy, and plants, and in her spare time she is either watching anime, reading manga, or drawing. <https://www.danihoots.com>
Scavenger Hunt



Sarah Jean Horwitz is a middle grade fantasy author. Her latest novel is *The Dark Lord Clementine*, which was an Amazon.com Best Book of the Month and received favorable reviews from the *New York Times*, *School Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and more. She currently lives near Boston. www.sarahjeanhorwitz.com
Whose Scene: *The Dark Lord Clementine*
Scavenger Hunt



Elle E. Ire writes science fiction and paranormal romance about kickass women who fall in love with each other. Her published work includes: *Vicious Circle*, the Storm Fronts series (*Threadbare*, *Patchwork*, and *Woven*), and *Dead Woman's Pond*. She is represented by Naomi Davis at the BookEnds Literary Agency. elleire.com
Speed-Date: *Dead Woman's Pond* (Nearly Departed #1)
Facebook Party



Patricia A Jackson is a high school teacher. Her urban fantasy *Forging A Nightmare* debuted in November 2021 from Angry Robot. She has published in the Star Wars universe. Her best known works are *Black Sands of Socorro* and *The Final Exit*. When not writing, she's gaming or riding horses. <http://www.bybirthright.com/>
Whose Scene: *Forging a Nightmare*
Scavenger Hunt



Cari Lyn Jones grew up in rural community on the east coast of south Florida, and lives there still, with her husband, daughter and an ever-growing menagerie of helpful animals. <https://carilynjones.com/home/>
QuickRead: *The Broken Court*
Art Show: *Lumina and the Goblin King*
Scavenger Hunt



Tenea D. Johnson is a multimedia storyteller and award-winning author of 7 SF works, including 2021's releases *Frequencies: a Fiction Album*, and *Broken Fevers*, of which Publisher's Weekly wrote "the 14 hard-hitting, memorable short stories and prose vignettes in this powerhouse collection from Johnson ... are astounding in their originality." <http://teneadjohnson.com>
Whose Scene: *Broken Fevers*



Ingrid Kallick is an artist and writer specializing in fantasy and children's illustration. Her art has appeared in *Cricket*, *Communication Arts*, *Spectrum*, and *Science*. She received two Magazine Merit Awards from the SCBWI, a Bronze Award from the Society of Illustrators Los Angeles, and a Chesley Award in 2018. <https://ikallick.com>
Art Show: *Two Troll Tales from Norway*, *Dragon Lace*, *Sophia's Quest*
Speed-Date



Sam Ledel lives in Texas and has four books published with Bold Strokes Books. When not writing, she may be found watching way too many movies or trying to work through her never ending to-be-read pile. She's currently working on her next novel.

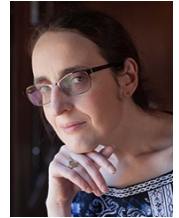
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Speed-Date: *Daughter of No One*
Scavenger Hunt



Jessica Lévai loves stories. She has a PhD in Egyptology, and after eight years of the adjunct shuffle she devoted herself to writing full-time. Her first novella is a vampire opera in Pushkin sonnets. She dreams of one day collaborating on a graphic novel, and meeting Stephen Colbert. jessicalevai.com

Speed-Date: *The Night Library of Sternendach: A Vampire Opera in Verse*



Anne Marie Lutz is the author of three fantasy novels. Her Color Mage novels were re-issued in 2019 as *Black Tide* and *Sword of Jashan*. Her newest novel, *Taylenor*, was released in 2019. She has also written several short stories, appearing most recently in *Bards and Sages Quarterly*. annemariesblog.wordpress.com

Speed-Date: *Taylenor*
Microfiction Contest: *Taylenor*



C.B. Lyall is British, but has lived in New York, India, Belgium and Hong Kong. She has two published novels: *The Virus of Beauty* - Book 1 and *The Veil of Corruption* - Book 2 in her YA Fantasy Series. She's also a contributor in *25 Servings of Soop* - Volume 1 and 2. She is currently working on the last book in her fantasy series. cbyall.com

Speed-Date: *Virus of Beauty*
Scavenger Hunt



Kyoko M is the USA Today and Amazon bestselling author of *The Black Parade* urban fantasy/paranormal romance and the *Of Cinder and Bone* science fiction series. She is also a contributor to Marvel Comics' *Black Panther: Tales of Wakanda* (2021) anthology.

<http://www.shewhowritesmonsters.com>

Bonus Swag: *Of Cinder and Bone*



Vanessa MacLaren-Wray is an award-winning speculative fiction author and poet. She builds robots for fun and deploys her engineering Ph.D. against climate change. Growing up in the military, she learned to adapt to strange new worlds. Her fiercely blended Scots-Irish heritage rails against spending then orders her to buy books. <https://cometarytales.com/>

Speed-Date: *All That Was Asked*
Microfiction Contest: *All That Was Asked*
Cookbook: *All That Was Asked*
Scavenger Hunt, Facebook Party



Claire A Murray writes crime/mystery, fantasy, and sci-fi, has two award-winning short stories, plus one Honorable Mention, totaling 13 published shorts. She's writing a fantasy novella and trilogy while two contemporary mystery novels are in progress. Learn more at <https://cam-writes.com>, Where Character, Crime, and Mystery Collide.

QuickRead: "The Pixie Path Home" in *Whimsical Winter Wonderland*
Microfiction Contest: "Spirit in the Sky" in *Peace, Love, and Crime*



Anne E.G. Nydam has been creating imaginary worlds since she could hold a crayon, and has written and illustrated books for all ages. She makes relief block prints celebrating the wonders of worlds both real and imaginary, and writes books about adventure, creativity, magic, and looking for the best in others. nydamprints.com

Speed-Date: *The Extraordinary Book of Doors*

Whose Scene: *A Threatening of Dragons* (Otherworld #5)

Microfiction Contest: multiple

Art Show: *The Extraordinary Book of Doors*, *The Bad Advice of Grandma Hasenfuss*,
On the Virtues of Beasts, *Song Against Shadow* (Otherworld #1)

Cookbook: *On the Virtues of Beasts of the Realms of Imagination*

Scavenger Hunt



Gloria Oliver lives in Texas, staying away from rolling tumbleweeds while bowing to the wishes of her feline and canine masters. Her works include eight YA, fantasy, and SF novels. For 2021, she has expanded into historical cozy mysteries!

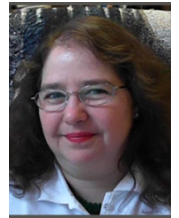
<https://www.gloriaoliver.com>

Speed-Date: *Alien Redemption*

Microfiction Contest: *Alien Redemption*

Cookbook: *Alien Redemption*

Scavenger Hunt



Dr Gillian Polack is an award-winning Australian speculative fiction writer. She was awarded the 2020 A. Bertram Chandler Award for lifetime achievement in science fiction. Her most recent novel is *The Green Children Help Out*. Her novels are science fiction and fantasy, which is odd, for she is an ethnohistorian. <https://gillianpolack.com/>

Whose Scene: *Poison and Light*

Microfiction Contest: *Poison and Light*

Cookbook: *The Year of the Fruit Cake*, *The Green Children Help Out*, *The Wizardry of Jewish Women*



Kathryn Sullivan writes stories where girls are the explorers, the wizards, and the ones who solve problems and rescue people. Author of *The Crystal Throne* and *Agents, Adepts & Apprentices*. <http://kathrynsullivan.com>

Speed-Date: *The Crystal Throne*



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

