

Strong Women Strange Worlds

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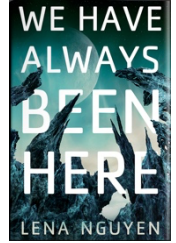
Featuring



Lena Nguyen author of *We Have Always Been Here*

This heart-stopping sci-fi thriller follows a psychologist named Grace Park as she's placed on a survey ship headed to an alien planet in an unexplored galaxy. When the crew falls prey to waking nightmares of tongueless insanity, Park must race to cure their madness... before she succumbs to it herself. tinyurl.com/9hkjnzcs

<http://www.dianesamsonauthor.com>



Sam Taylor author of *We Are the Fire*

Two fire-wielding teen soldiers in love are pitted against each other as they fight against the empire who kidnapped them as children. Worse still, they soon learn that the only way to defeat the monsters that subjugated them may be to become monsters themselves.

<https://bit.ly/BuyWAtF> www.samtaylorwrites.com



Haley Cavanagh author of *Retaliation*

With their ship severely damaged, Dr. Sakota Thorell and her crew land on a nearby planet to seek sanctuary while they make repairs to return to Earth. But nothing on this perfect planet is as it appears, and Sakota soon learns they've traded one danger for another. Hunted and targeted, will Sakota carry out her mission, or will everyone she cares about be destroyed? www.haleycavanaghbooks.com



Martha J Allard author of *Fairy Tale Logic*

In the story "Crochetwork," Adelia remembers her youth as magical and so far away. Now she is about to discover that old age has magic too. And it comes on the end of a hook.

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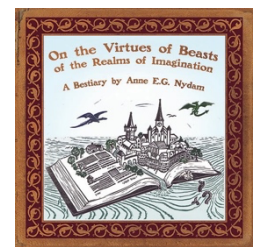
Jali Henry author of *Cursed Charm*

"One minute I'm a regular Londoner, the next minute I'm doing magic and hunting vampires. It turns out I'm an arcane witch. My purpose is to wipe out all vampires before they take over the world. But now the blood suckers know I'm special, they won't stop until I'm dead..." www.jalihenry.com



Anne E.G. Nydam author of *On the Virtues of Beasts*

In the spirit of medieval bestiaries, this alphabet book features more than 45 wonderful creatures from folklore, myth, and fantasy. Charming and warm-hearted descriptions and illustrations urge all who love magic to take inspiration from these fantastical creatures and consider what they can tell us about the magic in our own lives. <http://nydamprints.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 paranormal/contemporary fantasy "Afterlife" series, the speculative fiction short story collection *SOULS*, and numerous short stories in various anthologies and magazines. www.terribruce.net.



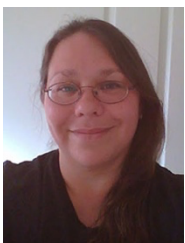
Kathryn Sullivan writes stories where girls are the explorers, the wizards, and the ones who solve problems and rescue people. Her books include *The Crystal Throne* and *Agents, Adepts, & Apprentices*. www.kathrynsullivan.com



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Plus **Anne E.G. Nydam**, seen above in today's featured authors.



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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.