

Strong Women Strange Worlds

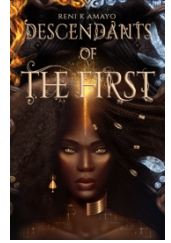
Third Thursday Quick Reads, October 21, 2021

Featuring



Reni K Amayo author of *Descendants of the First*
A heart-pounding fantasy novel set in ancient Nigeria and centred on twin goddesses, separated at birth, thrust head-first into a whirlwind adventure.

<https://www.instagram.com/renikamayo/>



Sonora Taylor author of *Someone to Share My Nightmares*
"Someone to Share My Nightmares" is the title story from my new collection. It's about a woman reconciling the death of her favorite director, who died in the forest she's feared all her life.

sonorawrites.com



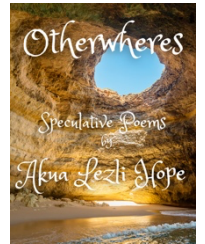
Kate Heartfield author of "Lilies and Claws"
"Lilies and Claws" is set in 14th century Bruges, when France invaded to put down a popular revolt. It's published in the October 2021 anthology *Trouble the Waters*, edited by Sheree Renee Thomas, Pan Morrigan and Troy L. Wiggins and published by Third Man Books.

<https://heartfieldfiction.com/>

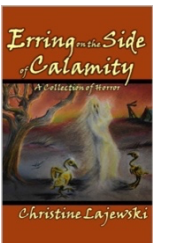


Akua Lezli Hope author of *OtherWheres*
2021 Elgin award winning chapbook of 12 speculative poems published by ArtFarm Press in 2020.

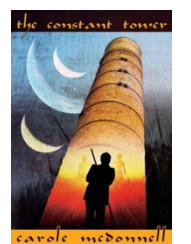
<http://www.akualezlihope.com>



Christine Lajewski author of "Mercy Brown and Me"
Mercy Brown is the Exeter, RI "vampire" who was dug up, and had her heart removed and burned in 1892 to stop the spread of consumption. She is also the best friend of a present day 14-year-old girl, who is relating the story of their rather unhealthy relationship on Halloween night. Is Mercy actually a vampire, is the narrator being haunted or is she delusional? www.christinemlajewski.com



Carole McDonnell author of *The Constant Tower*
A prophecy declares that three great ones who will find the Constant Tower and break the power of the third moon. Could Psal, Ephan, and Mahari be those great ones? Psal must risk all, and with his friends face the dangers of the unmaking night and save all of humanity. [instagram.com/carolemcdonnellauthor/](https://www.instagram.com/carolemcdonnellauthor/)



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.



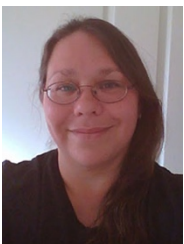
Kathryn Sullivan writes stories where girls are the explorers, the wizards, and the ones who solve problems and rescue people. Her books include *The Crystal Throne* and *Agents, Adepts, & Apprentices*. www.kathrynsullivan.com



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



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



Elaine Isaak writes knowledge inspired adventure fiction including *The Dark Apostle* series about medieval surgery as E. C. Ambrose, and the *Bone Guard* archaeological thrillers as E. Chris Ambrose. She's a frequent workshop instructor and former adventure guide who makes wearable art in her free time. www.RocinanteBooks.com



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