

Strong Women Strange Worlds

First Friday Quick Reads, August 6, 2021

Featuring



Terri Bruce author of *SOULS*

Blending fantasy, horror, magical realism, and folklore, these tales will delight, mystify, and unsettle. Unicorns roam the New Hampshire countryside disguised as a biker gang. Portals to other worlds hide on commuter train platforms. And be careful of what really lurks at the bottom of those quaint wishing wells that dot the countryside.

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WB Welch author of *Rose's Gold*

After waking up in a tower with no memory of events past her adolescence, Rose must examine every nook and cranny of her prison in the sky to solve the mystery of who brought her here and how she might escape. Inspired by Rapunzel, *Rose's Gold* is a dark fantasy tale about hope, perseverance, and the preservation of love.

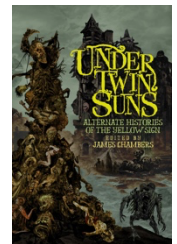
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Carol Gyzander author of "The Yellow Crown" in *Under Twin Suns: Alternate Histories of the Yellow Sign*

This weird historical fiction anthology, edited by James Chambers, explores the madness of Robert W. Chambers' classic work of weird fiction, *The King in Yellow* (1895) and those under the sway of the Yellow Sign.

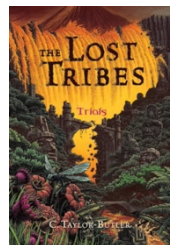
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Christine Taylor-Butler author of *The Lost Tribes: Trials*

Guided by the warriors, five friends train in their new roles as mission specialists. But before they can save the world, they must secretly find a way to put their team back together.

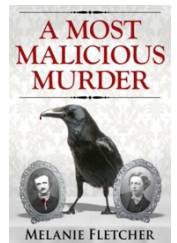
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Melanie Fletcher author of *A Most Malicious Murder*

In an alternate 1851 Oxford, Edgar Allan Poe finds himself implicated in a vicious murder. He teams up with shy undergraduate Charles Dodgson (aka Lewis Carroll) to clear his name, but can the unlikely detectives stop a wily killer?

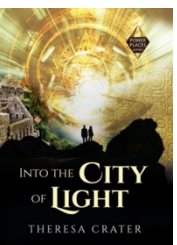
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Theresa Crater author of *Into the City of Light*

Legendary mystics Anne Le Clair and Michael Levy prefer the mundane joys of parenthood to any more world-saving. But with the fate of humanity hanging in the balance, a new mission brings them too close to darkness. When all the crystal key holders are summoned to Peru, they must once more answer the call of duty.

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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**



Anne E.G. Nydam makes relief block prints celebrating the wonders of worlds both real and imaginary, and writes books for all ages about adventure, creativity, magic, and looking for the best in others. Her most recent book is *On the Virtues of Beasts of the Realms of Imagination*.
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Sarah Smith's Agatha winning mysteries and SF are published in 14 languages and have become bestsellers here and abroad. William Martin says of her latest mystery, *Crimes and Survivors*, "Read it and be enthralled!" She loves hanging with readers and fellow writers.
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Plus **Terri Bruce**, seen above in today's featured authors.