

Strong Women Strange Worlds

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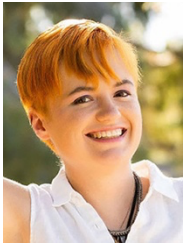
Featuring



Diane E. Samson author of *Gems of Fire*
Forbidden gems. Evil lords. Enchanted beasts. A reluctant assassin. A princess sold into slavery must escape and race home to warn her father of a coming invasion or Sunderland will be lost and she will lose her family forever. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07JWB434F>
<http://www.dianesamsonauthor.com>



Maria DeBlassie author of *Weep, Woman, Weep*
Mercy fights to break the chains of generational trauma and reclaim her life free from ancestral hauntings by turning to the only things that she knows can save her: plant medicine, pulp books, and the promise of a love so strong not even La Llorona can't stop it from happening. What unfolds is a stunning tale of one woman's journey into magic, healing, and rebirth. www.mariadeblassie.com



Dani Hoots author of *Revenge*
LGBTQA young adult sci-fi western that follows Ellie and Zach who were betrayed by their best friend Cor and had to watch as their home was leveled by invaders from a different Zone. Once they find the truth, will they be able to forgive Cor?
<https://www.danihoots.com>



Samantha Bryant author of *Going Through the Change*
In this lighthearted superhero novel, four menopausal women exhibit strange abilities: incredible strength, fire-wielding, flight, and armor-plated skin. Each struggles to deal with her changes alone, until life throws them together and they discover that one person has touched all their lives. The hunt for answers is on.
<http://samanthabryant.com>



K B Morris author of *Where the Dead Things Are*
Private detective Rover Latchingdon, bereft after his divorce, bites off more than he can chew when he gets involved in a missing person's case that involves dark magic and black metal.
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Karin Lowachee author of *Matryoshka*
The stand-alone fourth book based in the universe of the award-winning science fiction mosaic series that began with *Warchild*. Refugee Jascha Terisov must return to deep space to locate his lost brother and infamous pirate captain, Yuri, at the behest of ambiguous clandestine forces. karinlowachee.com



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



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