



Newsletter 001, 2021Q2

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Hello, and welcome to the first edition of my newsletter. I plan to send one every quarter with news on publications, updates on works-in-progress, recent posts and book reviews on my website, and random thoughts on all things regarding speculative fiction (sci-fi/fantasy/horror/supernatural). I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I've enjoyed putting it together!

**News & Notes**

- My short story *The Rite to Vote* has been selected as a **2021 Roswell Award Finalist!**

**OMEGA SCI-FI AWARDS ANNOUNCES THE 2021 ROSWELL AWARD FINALISTS & WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY AWARD WINNER**

**WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY AWARD WINNER**

Matthew Cushing  
Connecticut, USA  
*"The Rite to Vote"*

Andrea Coyan  
California, USA  
*"Imagine Dandelions"*

Ben Hennesy  
USA/Tanzania  
*"Autonomous"*

Courtney Watson  
Virginia, USA  
*"Never Turn Your Back on the Water"*

Tenzin Phillips  
South Africa  
*"Run"*

Ven Pillay  
South Africa  
*"Summary"*

Susan Wachowski  
Illinois, USA  
*"Wealthier"*

Join us for  
**The Roswell Award & Women Hold Up Half the Sky Virtual Celebrity Readings & Awards**  
Saturday, May 22, 2021  
11:00am - 1pm  
PST (Pacific Standard Time)  
Register for Event Link:  
[lnktr.ee/omegascifiawards](http://lnktr.ee/omegascifiawards)

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- Award selection will be made during a virtual ceremony on Saturday, May 22, 2021. [Click here](#) for registration information. Each finalist story will be read by a celebrity guest, with this year's participants as:

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**FEATURED CELEBRITY GUESTS READING NEW, ORIGINAL SCI-FI**

David Blue  
Stargate: Universe, Ugly Betty, & Henry Danger

Ruth Connell  
Supernatural, Hara Kiri & Disney Infinity: Marvel Super Heroes

LaMonica Garrett  
Designated Survivor, The Arrowverse/Crisis on Infinite Earths, Sons of Anarchy

Phil Lamarr  
Futurama, Samurai Jack, & MAD TV

Tiffany Lonsdale-Hands  
Siren, Ascension, & S.W.A.T

Nana Visitor  
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, Friday the 13th, & Ted 2

Kari Wahlgren  
Rick and Morty, Solar Opposites, & DC Superhero Girls

**Register today!**  
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- *First Encounters*, a Speculative Fiction Anthology, includes my short story *Blue Note G*, the tale of a jazz prodigy who inherits a voodoo clarinet that grants wishes--just not as expected. *First Encounters* is available as a paperback or an e-book and can be found [on Amazon](#).
- *The Beacon*, a science fiction story about space piracy and frontier justice, has been accepted into the speculative fiction anthology *Second Law*, which should be published in fall 2021.

### Recent Blog Posts

- Got a beef with Adverbs? I do, and [check out why](#).
- [Book Review: Ready Player Two](#). Ernest Cline's second foray into the world of the OASIS.
- Thinking of publishing your own book? [Review some lessons learned](#) for formatting your own novel.
- Looking for something to watch on TV? My [Top Thirty speculative fiction series](#) currently available has some ideas as well as where they can be found.
- [Book Review: The Caves of Steel](#). Isaac Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics in action during a murder-mystery.

Please check out my website at [www.matthewcushing.com](http://www.matthewcushing.com) for the latest and greatest information on my stories and novels, in-person events, my reading list, and blog posts on any and all topics concerning science fiction, fantasy, horror, or the supernatural. Follow me on Twitter at [@mhcushing](#). Comments and retweets are always welcome!

Klaatu Barada Nikto, Live Long and Prosper, and Nanoo Nanoo!

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