

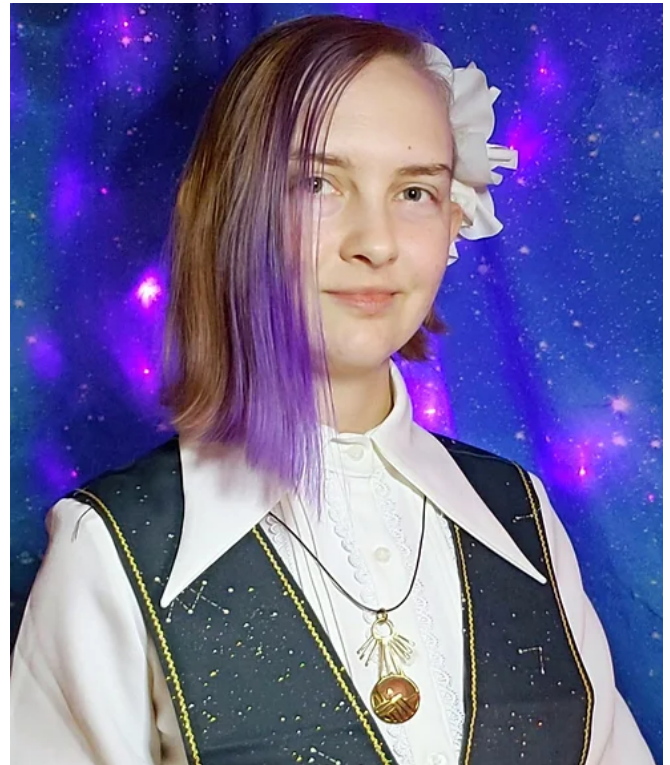
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Author Bio

Katie Silverwings is a glassblower, visual artist, and writer, originally from Texas and now a nomadic creative spirit. She holds a BA in English and History from McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, as well as a BA (Hons.) in Glass from the University for the Creative Arts in the UK. Silverwings identifies as aromantic, asexual, and genderfae; “she/her”, “they/them”, and “fae/ faer” pronouns are all welcome.

Long fascinated by nature and space, Silverwings’ speculative fiction work centers around notions of optimistic futurism, friendship, found family, and adventurous journeys into the known and unknown. Her characters do most of the driving, and she does her best to keep up and negotiate pleasing stories with them.

Silverwings’ two cats are commonly found staring over her shoulder while she’s writing. The small cloud of dark matter with eyes likes to sit in her lap and interfere with typing, while the calico makes operatic editorial comments from across the room.



Book Bio

Feathered Friendship: A Strange Space Novella is the first installment in the *Strange Space Adventures* series of optimistic science fiction stories featuring Katie Silverwings’ enigmatic Florivans and their human friends. As with the rest of the ongoing series, *Feathered Friendship* takes place in a distant future where humanity has its collective act together (for the most part) and people are accepted for who they are by default.

Feathered Friendship is a story of found family, friendship, and unexpected twists, centering around the crew of the starship MSS Venture. In particular, the story follows Cobalt Mereday, a young Florivan, and Bernadette, a hatchling parakeet whose dream in life is to become a starship captain.

Feathered Friendship was a finalist nominee in the 2022 Richard Wright Literary Awards in the category of adult fiction.

Other titles in the *Strange Space Adventures* series include the novels *Celadon*, *How Ocean Merlani Stole their Navigator*, and *The Garden in the Darkness*, as well as the novella *Warmth and Darkness*. The sixth installment in the series, *On the Subject of Kittens and Mittens: A Strange Space Novella*, is slated for release in November 2024.