

Sarah Zettel

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When I'm not at the keyboard, I'm generally reading, practicing tai chi or middle eastern dance, or cooking.

~Sarah Zettel

First and foremost, *The Quiet Invasion* is a first contact story. What would we do if we actually found evidence of alien life out there? It's also about politics.

~Sarah Zettel

I have a better internal and intuitive understanding of folklore and myth than science and technology, so in that way fantasy is easier.

~Sarah Zettel

Actually, after while, finding the ideas is the easy part. Sorting them through and turning them into stories, now, that's the hard work.

~Sarah Zettel

I have to do more close research and fact checking for the science fiction. This is not however to say that writing good fantasy does not involve doing good research.

~Sarah Zettel

My joking answer to this question is that I leave a bowl of milk out on the back porch every night for the Idea Fairy. In the morning, the milk is gone and there's a brand-new shiny idea by the bowl.

~Sarah Zettel

When I was in college, I spent a summer working in London. I'd enjoyed tea before that, but then I got actual, really good tea there and never looked back.

~Sarah Zettel

The *Lord of the Rings* movie set an entirely new standard for fantasy in the movies.

~Sarah Zettel

I graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in Communications and left formal education behind.

~Sarah Zettel

I think people enjoy a series. When you like a story, many readers want more of the same, which is dandy, if the author and the characters have more to say.

~Sarah Zettel

I'm mostly a novelist these days, but I have written short stories in Fantasy, Science Fiction and horror.

~Sarah Zettel

Octavia Butler, of course, is brilliant and disturbing.

~Sarah Zettel

Becoming a mother cannot help but change things. An author's life is reflected in their writing, whether they want it to be or not, and parenthood is one of the biggest life changes there is.

~Sarah Zettel

I did not want to write a story about the invasion of Earth, so I had to create a race capable of living nearby, which meant to either on the Moon, on Mars, or on Venus. I picked Venus.

~Sarah Zettel

Fantasy is, of course, booming, and I think it's beginning to stretch its range as well.

~Sarah Zettel

I'm told my SF is of the hard variety and my Fantasy is romantic but hopefully all the characters are strong and the plots are lively.

~Sarah Zettel

Fortunately, many people also enjoy a stand-alone as a sample of something new, like trying the special at a favourite restaurant one night instead of going for the usual.

~Sarah Zettel

I suppose if I was to have to pick a few, Ursula LeGuin would have to top the list. It was while reading her work that I decided I wanted to be an author.

~Sarah Zettel

I think the diversity of authors and readers is expanding, which is wonderful, because it means the type of story being told is also expanding.

~Sarah Zettel

I did not feel I could create a more beautiful or interesting Mars than Kim Stanley Robinson or Greg Bear had, so I turned my attention elsewhere.

~Sarah Zettel

For an author to show that only traditional male power and place matter is to discount and belittle the hard and complex lives of our peers and our ancestresses.

~Sarah Zettel

As far as the writing goes, I started telling stories as soon as I could talk, and started writing them down as soon as I could string words together.

~Sarah Zettel

I myself was born in Sacramento, California in 1966.

~Sarah Zettel

I feel SF is going through an experimental phase right now.

~Sarah Zettel

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