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**Kelly Link** is the author of three collections of short fiction *Stranger Things Happen*, *Magic for Beginners*, and *Pretty Monsters*. Her short stories have won three Nebula, a Hugo, and a World Fantasy Award. She was born in Miami, Florida, and once won a free trip around the world by answering the question "Why do you want to go through the world?" ("Because you can't go through it.")

Link lives in Northampton, Massachusetts, where she and her husband, Gavin J. Grant, run Small Beer Press, co-edit the fantasy half of *The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror*, and play ping-pong. In 1996 they started the occasional zine *Lady Churchill's Rosebud Wristlet*.

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