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A short story collection exploring unexpected, fantastical futures and how we cope in them.

Your friend creates an award-winning VR game—based on your friendship. An AI starts a YouTube channel at the expense of its creator. A fanfic writer plagiarizing the lives of the marginalized gets her comeuppance. Time travel meets magic in a world blown into pieces by war. Dragons modify DNA and undergo peer review. In Andrea Kriz's debut short story collection, technology and genres wildly blend in stories that will challenge how you see our future.

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About the Author

Andrea Kriz writes from Massachusetts, where she does research as a molecular biologist. In addition to the stories in this collection, her short fiction has appeared in *Clarkesworld* and *Lightspeed Magazine*, among others, and been translated into French in *Galaxies SF*. She is also part of the Dartmouth Speculative Fiction Project, a collaboration between authors and Dartmouth faculty to create short stories exploring the future of humanity. You can find her online at <https://andreakriz.wordpress.com/> or on Twitter @theworldshesaw.

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