

The Fated Sky: A Lady Astronaut Novel (Lady Astronaut, 2)

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Mary Robinette Kowal continues the grand sweep of alternate history begun in *The Calculating Stars*. *The Fated Sky* looks forward to 1961, when mankind is well-established on the moon and looking forward to its next step: journeying to, and eventually colonizing, Mars.

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Of course the noted Lady Astronaut Elma York would like to go, but there's a lot riding on whoever the International Aerospace Coalition decides to send on this historic-but potentially very dangerous-mission? Could Elma really leave behind her husband and the chance to start a family to spend several years traveling to Mars? And with the Civil Rights movement taking hold all over Earth, will the astronaut pool ever be allowed to catch up, and will these brave men and women of all races be treated equitably when they get there? This gripping look at the real conflicts behind a fantastical space race will put a new spin on our visions of what might have been.

Mary Robinette Kowal is the author of the historical fantasy novels *Ghost Talkers* and the five books in *The Glamourist Histories* series. She is also a multiple Hugo Award winner. Her short fiction has appeared in *Uncanny*, *Tor.com*, and *Asimov's*. Mary, a professional puppeteer, lives in Chicago with her husband Robert and over a dozen manual typewriters. Praise for *The Fated Sky*

"An immersive world that will stay with the reader well past the final page."-Publishers Weekly, starred review

"The Lady Astronaut series might be set in an alternate past, but they're cutting-edge SF novels that speak volumes about the present."-The Verge

"Tantalizing."-Locus

"An alternative look at the midcentury space race led by an intelligent, well-meaning, but flawed heroine."-Booklist

"From dangers on Earth from wild protestors, to the dangers of a three-year trip to Mars, the tale is an exciting, yet well-researched tale. Excellent."-Philadelphia Weekly

"This is by no means just for Sci Fi lovers."-Caroline Bookbinder

"This was a fabulous sequel."-Marzie Reads

Praise for The Calculating Stars

"This is what NASA never had, a heroine with attitude."-The Wall Street Journal

"In The Calculating Stars, Mary Robinette Kowal imagines an alternate history of spaceflight that reminds me of everything I loved about Hidden Figures."-Cady Coleman, Astronaut

"Readers will thrill to the story of this "lady astronaut" and eagerly anticipate the promised sequels."-Publishers Weekly (starred review)

"Kowal's book was revelatory for me, because here is a version of history where men eventually, finally, listen to women."-Tor.com

"A fine balance of integrating historical accuracy-including mid-twentieth-century sexism, racism, and technology-with speculative storytelling."-Booklist

"Readers will be hooked."-Library Journal

"An engrossing alternate history with a unique point of view, The Fated Sky dramatically demonstrates the technical problems with going to Mars-but the technical problems are the not the only ones. Never backing down from vital issues of race and gender, The Fated Sky confronts the human issues of space travel in a United States made increasingly desperate by a massive meteor strike. Plausible, convincing, and ultimately moving."-Nancy Kress, author of the Hugo Award-winning "Yesterday's Kin"

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