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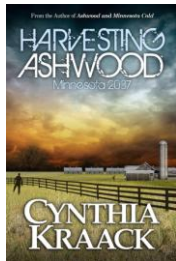
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WOMEN BEHAVING STRONGLY: Women Writing Outside Traditional Literary Roles

Minneapolis, MN: April 26, 2012 — Women have been breaking from tradition for decades, yet the number of women writers who defy age-old literary traditions is marginal. What limitations do we impose on women writers and how do we classify her characters? What are the cultural implications when women write outside of their traditional roles? And what about a strong female character written by a man? Tonight's line-up will address these very questions with three authors as their strong, female characters break through literary tradition.

Thursday, June 21st at 7:00 PM
at The Open Book, 1011 Washington Avenue, S., Minneapolis.

Cynthia Kraack, *Harvesting Ashwood: Minnesota 2037*
Pam Leonard, *Death's Imperfect Witness* and *Shadowland*
Gary Lindberg, *Shekinah Legacy*



Award-winning author **Cynthia Kraack** is celebrating the June release of her new novel: *Harvesting Ashwood: Minnesota 2037*. The second book in the Ashwood series, this novel explores social issues from today's culture in a different future. From the basic right of people to daily food to the complex relationship the United States has with its children, the Ashwood series pushes readers to question the trade-offs made by politicians under the pressure of military expansion or international diplomacy.

Cynthia Kraack's first speculative fiction work, *Minnesota Cold*, won the 2009 Northeastern Minnesota Book Award for Fiction. She is a graduate of Marquette University's College of Journalism and holds a Master's in Labor Economics and Educational Psychology from the University of Minnesota as well as a Masters in Creative Writing from the University of Southern Maine. She has spent years in corporate management, consulting and freelance writing.

Pam Leonard is a Minnesota native and a renowned mystery writer. Her first book, *Death's Imperfect Witness* was a 2010 Minnesota Book Award Finalist and her third book, *Shadowland*, will be released in September 2012.

Gary Lindberg's debut novel *Shekinah Legacy* has been in the Top 100 Kindle Store books for five months. As a writer and film producer/director, he has won over one hundred major national and international awards. He is the co-writer and producer of the Paramount Pictures feature film *That Was Then, This Is Now* starring Emilio



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