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**Crowdfunding Campaign Launched for An Anthology That Turns the Spotlight on Bad Ass Moms**

**JERSEY CITY, NJ** – On February 10, 2020, author Mary Fan launched a [Kickstarter](https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/mary-fan/bad-ass-moms) campaign for BAD ASS MOMS, an anthology of short stories spanning numerous genres, including sci-fi, contemporary, historical, and fantasy. Edited by Fan, the collection features tales from 20+ writers, from industry veterans to a debut author. The campaign, which will end on March 11, 2020 at 12PM EDT, is aiming to raise $4,500 to cover publishing costs. For those disinclined to use Kickstarter, a direct PayPal alternative is available [via Fan’s website](https://www.maryfan.com/bad-ass-moms.html).

“Since moms and badassery come in infinite forms, I gave the contributing authors only one criterion: that their story be about a bad ass mother or mother figure, whatever that means to them,” said Fan, who has published several books including Artificial Absolutes (Red Adept Publishing, 2013), Starswept (Snowy Wings Publishing, 2017), and Stronger Than a Bronze Dragon (Page Street Publishing, 2019). Fan is also the co-editor, with Paige Daniels, of the Brave New Girls anthology series.

The impetus behind the project was the observation that in fiction, mothers are rarely the heroines of their own story. Often, they’re either dead or absent. If they are present, they’re often relegated to minor supporting roles. In addition, mother figures are not often present in fiction the way father figures are. The goal of the anthology is to push back against that trope and present a collection of stories that centers on heroines who are also mothers or mother figures.

“We’ve got moms across the age and experience spectrum, from grandmas to new moms,” said Fan. “We've got warrior moms and moms who are bad ass in a quieter way. We’ve got biological moms, adoptive moms, and mom figures.”

To bring this anthology to life, Fan has partnered with [Crazy 8 Press](http://crazy8press.com/), an independent publishing collective. The full list of authors is as follows: Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Derek Tyler Attico, T. Eric Bakutis, Russ Colchamiro, Paige Daniels, Kathleen O'Shea David, Peter David, Michael Jan Friedman, Robert Greenberger, Glenn Hauman, Heather E. Hutsell, Kris Katzen, Paul Kupperberg, Karissa Laurel, Khaalidah Muhammad-Ali, TJ Perkins, Aaron Rosenberg, Jenifer Purcell Rosenberg, Joanna Schnurman, Hildy Silverman, and Denise Sutton. If the campaign meets its first stretch goal ($5,000), Keith R.A. DeCandido will also contribute a story.

In exchange for backing the project, backers can gain access to a variety of rewards, including an autographed paperback copy of BAD ASS MOMS (for $35), their name in the acknowledgements (for $55), their name mentioned in one of the stories (for $60), or a character named after them (for $100).

For more information, please visit the Kickstarter page [here](https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/mary-fan/bad-ass-moms) or contact the creator below.

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Please find enclosed the following:

* BAD ASS MOMS book cover (Art by Sean “MunkyWrench Eddingfield,” Design by Streetlight Graphics)
* Author photo of Mary Fan (Photo Credit: Yonghua Wang)

**ABOUT MARY FAN**

Mary Fan is a Jersey City-based author, primarily of sci-fi/fantasy and young adult fiction. Her books include Artificial Absolutes, Publishers Weekly-starred sci-fi novel from Red Adept Publishing (2013), the award-winning young adult sci-fi novel Starswept from Snowy Wings Publishing (2017), and Stronger Than a Bronze Dragon, which received positive reviews from School Library Journal and Booklist, from Page Street Publishing (2019). Her short works have been featured in numerous anthologies, including Thrilling Adventure Yarns (edited by Robert Greenberger), Magic at Midnight (edited by Amy McNulty and Lyssa Chiavari), and the 2018 Ringo Award Winner for Best Anthology, MINE!: A celebration of liberty and freedom for all benefitting Planned Parenthood (from ComicMix).

She is also the co-editor, along with sci-fi author Paige Daniels, of the Brave New Girls anthology series, which was launched in 2015 after a successful Indiegogo campaign. These collections of short stories aim to encourage more girls to explore STEM careers. Proceeds from sales are donated to the Society of Women Engineers scholarship fund.

In addition, Mary is a workshop leader for the nonprofit Jersey City Writers, which provides writing workshops, readings, and resources for local writers.

For more information, visit [MaryFan.com](http://maryfan.com/).

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**ABOUT CRAZY 8 PRESS**

Crazy 8 Press is a consortium of writers who banded together to bypass traditional publishing and bring stories directly to the readers. Current members are Russ Colchamiro, Peter David, Mary Fan, Michael Jan Friedman, Robert Greenberger, Glenn Hauman, Paul Kupperberg, and Aaron Rosenberg.

For more information, visit [Crazy8Press.com](https://www.crazy8press.com/).

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