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### Stephanie Nina Pitsirilos

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### **Applicant Name**

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### **Table Name**

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### **Brief Bio**

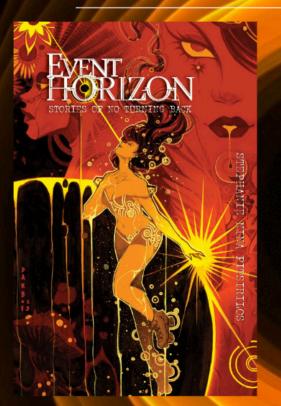
NYC-born and bound, **Stephanie Nina Pitsirilos** is a critically acclaimed writer with a boutique publishing imprint that bends genre, as well as spacetime, in artistic themes. Her works can be found in: numerous traditional anthologies and hardcovers; in crudely folded, die-cut and hand-sewn pages made with a renegade zinester hat; tucked elegantly inside hand-sewn silk clutches holding perfumed limited artists' books. Event Horizon: Stories of No Turning Back (Janus Point Press 2024) is her multi-medium debut short story collection that examines what happens when we "cross the line", with introductions by astrophysics and literary academia, with accolades from Kirkus Reviews. She is the recipient of the 2022 Chautauqua Janus Prize for her story "Jean," called "masterful" by Publishers Weekly. She's recognized as a new voice transforming the genres of science fiction and fantasy and revitalizing the short comic form. She creates visual art as ANDROMEDA.

Cyrus Amir Boquín is principally a community physician activist concentrating his healing work within the immigrant and diverse communities of Manhattan. A Michigan-raised child of Honduran and Iranian heritage, he majored in Russian literature at Harvard and counts graffiti stylewriting, Taller Gráfica Popular and contemporary Latin American xilografía, Black printmaking greatness and Persian miniaturist art among his principal inspirations in art and fine press collecting and collaboration. Chief among his numerous artistic curations and collaborations over the past 20+ years are major University and medical campus events involving: acclaimed and Pulitzer Prize winning authors, playwrights, musicians, poets and legendary stylewriters.



# STORIES OF NO TURNING BACK

"Compelling scientific and emotional explorations that raise the question: What awaits us when we cross the line? ... Should prove a delight for SF aficionados." -Kirkus Reviews



"...By having the courage to place Latinx feminist issues in space and in futuristic settings, Pitsirilos has lifted Latinx literature from the flat earth most of our fiction is set." —Ernesto Quiñonez, author of Bodega Dreams

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"Event Horizon's stunning kaleidoscopic and alchemical admixtures of image and word build storyworlds that radically opens our mind-bodies to a future not weighed heavy by failures of the past, but rather that guide us toward thrivance in our collective dreaming of Latinx futurities."

Dr. Frederick Luis Aldama, award-winning author

STORIES OF NO TURNING BACK

Stories by Stephanie Nina Pitsirilos

244 pages full color: 6 prose stories with art. 3 short comics. 1 one-shot comic (25 pages). 3 letters of introduction by literature and astrophysics academia. Original canvas work. Original photography throughout. Publication date: 15 Dec 2024

Three variant covers.

### Meet the Artists

BlusterOne; Cyrus Amir Boquín; Karen S. Darboe; Cris Delara; Gabriela Downie; Aaron Guzman; Galen Ihlenfeldt; Kroniko; Rafael Romeo Magat; Seth Christian Martel; Eric Nguyen; Anton Oxenuk; Stephanie Nina Pitsirilos; Armando Ramirez; Tracy168.

### With introductions by:

Dr. Frederick Luis Aldama (Professor Latinx). An award-winning author of over 50 fiction, comics, animation shorts, and scholarly books. He is an inductee of the National Cartoonist Society, Texas Institute of Letters and Ohio State University's ODI Hall of Fame. He is founder and director of the Latinx Pop Lab and holds the Jacob & Frances Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities at the University of Texas, Austin.

Dr. Marcel Agüeros. Professor of astronomy at Columbia University who enjoys tackling classic questions in stellar evolution and examining the environments that stars like the Sun create for their planets. Recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers from President Barack Obama.

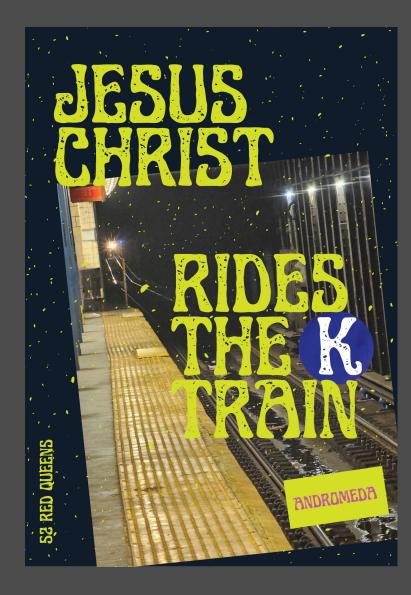
Dr. Mariana Espinosa Aldama. Physicist, visual artist, and science researcher specializing in communicating cosmology, gravitation, and foundations of physics through images and data visualizations. Member of the Mathematical Modeling of Social Systems Department at the Research Institute on Applied Mathematics and Systems at UNAM.





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## ARTISTS' BOOKS

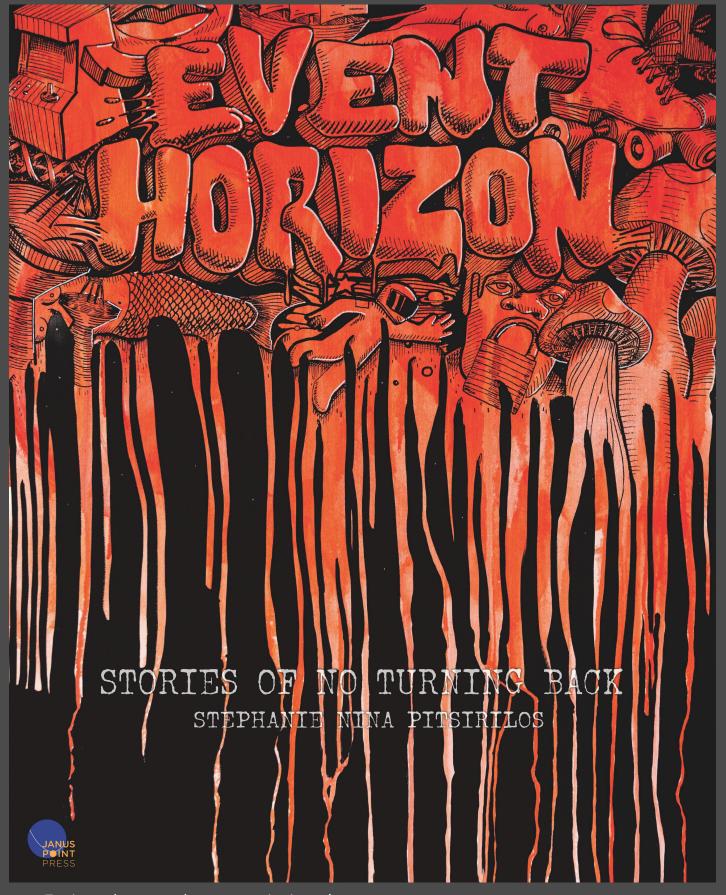
## THE FUNERAL SINGER CRAFT & PHYSICAL EXPERIENCE

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