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Introduction Writers Announced for 1001 Knights

NEW YORK, NY (February 24, 2016) — Each volume of 1001 Knights, an upcoming anthology that challenges societal notions about Knighthood and celebrates people-positivity, will be introduced by Samantha Swords, Richie Pope, Steven Sugar and Rebecca Sugar — inspirational figures within their respective fields.

“We are so very honored to have Samantha Swords, Steven Sugar, Rebecca Sugar, and Richie Pope introduce the individual volumes of 1001 Knights. We reached out to them because we feel that they embody the message and spirit of the particular volumes of 1001 Knights,” said 1001 Knights co-creative director Annie Stoll.

Samantha Swords will introduce the Courage volume. A real lady knight, Swords has created props for *The Hobbit*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and the upcoming film *Warcraft*. Swords studies weapons, armor and martial arts from medieval Europe and in 2013 she won the longsword division of the Harcourt Park Jousting Tournament.

Richie Pope is introducing the Wisdom volume. Pope is a successful illustrator who has worked with Google, The New York Times, Tor Books and many others. Pope is also an activist for the rights of minorities and strong messages run throughout all of his work.

Steven and Rebecca Sugar will be introducing the Fellowship volume together. They are talented siblings who are the creative force behind the popular Cartoon Network television show “Steven Universe.” Steven is the inspiration for the main character and

creates designs and backgrounds for the show. As the showrunner for “Steven Universe,” Rebecca is Cartoon Network’s first independent female show creator.

1001 Knights is more than a series of stories — it is an impressive and diverse collection of character-driven art featuring characters that represent the strength in diversity and inclusivity.

“The knights in 1001 Knights aren’t just your typical sword-and-shield wielders. They are people who protect their friends, children finding their own strengths, unlikely allies who create unbreakable partnerships, formidable villains and fearless defenders of all that is good,” said 1001 Knights co-creative director Kevin Jay Stanton.

1001 Knights is now the 15th most funded comic in Kickstarter history. It reached its initial funding goal in less than 36 hours and is about to pass the \$200,000 mark, and the momentum behind 1001 Knights continues to grow. The anthology’s backers have unlocked push goals which upgrade the book with special features such as foil stamps, built-in metallic bookmarks and gilded edges. So far an additional 75 books will be donated to libraries and institutions based on suggestions from backers from around the world.

1001 Knights is exclusively available through the [Kickstarter](#) to supporters who back the anthology.

Last Week to Rise a Knight

With less than a week remaining to back 1001 Knights on Kickstarter, join us as we continue to make 1001 Knights even better by supporting the 1001 Knights Kickstarter campaign. All of the money raised will go towards the costs of making the book, and all money made beyond the costs will be split evenly among every artist involved. Artists also receive a special ‘artist only’ edition of copies of the books for themselves.

Backers will receive:

- Gorgeous hardcover, cloth bound books at 250+ pages each
- A PDF edition of the Anthology
- Limited edition and custom artwork
- A certificate of Knighthood

About 1001 Knights

1001 Knights is an anthology created by over 250 artists who share a passion for

promoting and encouraging diversity. The artists are as diverse as the characters in the book, which includes artwork from up and coming artists as well as pros from such companies as Disney, BOOM!, Archer/FX, Nickelodeon, Sony, Cartoon Network, Marvel, IDW, Archaia, Hiveworks and Lucasfilm. Several 1001 Knights artists have won or have been nominated for Eisners, Harveys, Ignatz, Junos and Grammys.

For more information, visit onethousandandoneknights.com

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