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# Tiffany Nieslanik

Science journalist and author of the debut novel *Home Planet* (Atmosphere Press, 2026)

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## About the book

Three days before astronaut Bryn launches on a solo mission to explore Caerus, a distant, habitable planet that may be Earth's last hope, she discovers she is pregnant. If Star Force V finds out, she could lose the mission she has spent her life training for. So Bryn keeps the secret and finds herself aboard the *Elpis*, leaving behind her husband and an overcrowded planet running out of time.

But space brings truths Bryn was never meant to know. Her body begins to change, the ship's AI becomes her only ally, and the people who sent her into the stars may have been hiding the real reason she was chosen.

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| **Review copies** | Digital review copies available on NetGalley |

## Praise

> *"A powerful saga of transitions and hope which imparts an uncommon flavor of women's strengths into an ultimately uplifting saga, driven by an especially appealing character."*
>
> **Midwest Book Review**

> *"Brilliant science fiction... Well written and imaginative, readers who enjoy character-led science fiction will adore this."*
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> **Readers' Favorite**

## Author bios

### SHORT (40 WORDS)

Tiffany Nieslanik is a Denver-based science journalist whose work has appeared in National Geographic and Business Insider. *Home Planet* (Atmosphere Press, 2026) is her debut novel. She won the 2026 Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame Aspiring Author Scholarship.

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Tiffany Nieslanik is a journalist and writer in Denver, CO, whose work has appeared in National Geographic, Business Insider and Her Agenda. She holds an MA in Creative Writing from the University of Denver and won the 2026 Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame Aspiring Author Scholarship. Her debut novel, *Home Planet*, follows astronaut Bryn, who discovers she's pregnant three days before launching on a solo mission to find humanity's last hope. She spends most of her days herding cats, children, and words on the page (not necessarily in that order). Tiffany is a proponent of power naps, a voracious reader, and thinks you are full of magic.

## Story angles

1. **A science journalist writes a pregnancy in space.** What real research on women's bodies, spaceflight and reproduction shaped *Home Planet*, and what we still don't know.
2. **Ambition vs. motherhood, far from home.** Why Bryn hides her pregnancy, and what her choice says about the trade-offs women still face at work.
3. **Your closest companion is an AI.** Barb, the ship's AI, is Bryn's only ally. Tiffany on writing a believable AI friendship as AI enters our everyday lives.
4. **From reporter to novelist.** How a journalist learned to write a 432-page novel with no outline, and what journalism teaches fiction.

## Sample interview questions

- Where did the idea of an astronaut who discovers she's pregnant come from?
- How did your science journalism shape the world of *Home Planet*?
- Bryn keeps a huge secret from the people who sent her. Did you always know she would?
- What was it like writing Barb, the ship's AI, while real AI was changing so quickly?
- You wrote the book without an outline. How did you find the ending?
- What do you hope readers take away about home, and about who gets to decide humanity's future?

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