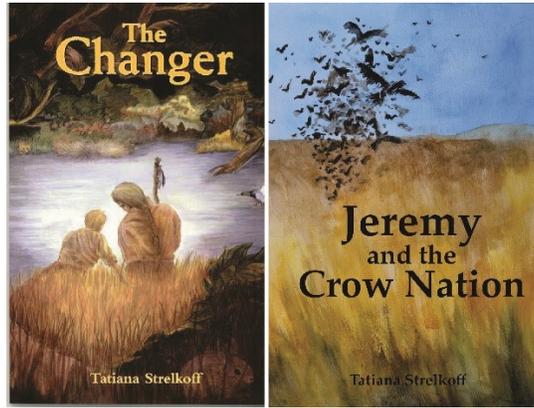


**REVIEWS:**  
**THE CHANGER TRILOGY**  
**TATIANA STRELKOFF**



## **The Changer**

**Catholic Library World “The Journal for the Catholic Library Association”**

**Carol Baker Librarian, Saint Gertrude School, Cincinnati**

One of the joys of being a librarian is to become acquainted with a new author, a new illustrator, or a truly original plot, therefore it’s a double pleasure to find all three in one book.

Although born in Iowa, Tatiana Strelkoff spoke only Russian and did not learn English until she started school. She has been translating critically acclaimed Italian films such as “The Thief Who Stole Children” by Gianni Amelio and “Everybody’s Fine” by Tornatore. Her knowledge of other languages has led her understanding of other cultures and ideas and in her own words, “tolerance and love for what makes us all so different and yet the same.” She hopes that through her writing she will encourage others to “attempt to understand and admire each human as an individual, each group, and the earth upon which we depend.” All of this is reflected in *The Changer*.

When Ms. Strelkoff is telling her own story her words have a beautiful flowing , almost lyrical quality. The Library of Congress shows this as fiction but Indian folklore seems much more appropriate. The pencil drawings by Dennis Teutschel are spectacular, especially the animals and the double page spread at the beginning of each chapter does much more than set the mood. A handsome book that I really enjoyed.

## Jeremy and the Crow Nation

A compelling tale of three young heroes' quest to save animals used for test purposes. Jeremy and the Crow Nation offers timeless Native American wisdom that informs our modern age and tempers our lust for technology with humanity. All of us can aspire to be change makers when we align our hearts, minds and actions. **Laura Ramirez Speaker & Author** Keepers of the Children: Native American Wisdom and Parenting, Parenting the Native Way



## Kelly: Full Circle (Publishing Date November 25, 2019)

**Reviewed by K.C. Finn for Readers' Favorite**

Kelly: Full Circle is a work of coming of age fiction written for young adults by author Tatiana Strelkoff as the third book in The Changer Trilogy. In this dramatic and magical tale, the magic which Jeremy discovered in the previous books has taught central character Kelly many lessons. She utilizes the bond between animals and humans to help people suffering from mental health problems and much more at her animal reserve. But when Kelly's granddaughter Julie falls in with a cause that seems to directly contradict everything Kelly has learned in her life, she has to risk everything to rescue Julie and restore the balance of everything her life has led towards.

It was easy to pick up the previous tales of magic and the connection to the animal world through Kelly and her teachings, leading readers into a bigger story about misplaced loyalties, new magical mysteries and the power of love and sacrifice to save others. Author Tatiana Strelkoff paints a beautiful world with her imagery of animals and nature, bringing to life Kelly's reserve and the deep connection she feels with the animal world. I particularly enjoyed the use of dialogue, which distinguishes the modern sensibilities and differences between the grandmother and granddaughter, setting up the coming of age tale and learning experience nicely. Overall, Kelly: Full Circle provides a strong and satisfying conclusion to a highly engaging trilogy, and I would definitely recommend it to fans of fantasy fiction as well as character-led family dramas.