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DARK WINE

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA. – DARK WINE is Beth Tashery Shannon’s erotic gothic about a romance that turns deadly. “The story is as much a relationship story as it is paranormal,” says Shannon. “One of the characters just happens to be a vampire.”

Beth Tashery Shannon worked with the Egypt Exploration Society’s excavations at el-Amarna and contributed to *Amarna Reports IV* and meetings of the American Research Center in Egypt. Her experimental short fiction has appeared in *Pushcart Prize III* and *IX*, *Chicago Review*, and *TriQuarterly Review*. Her story in *Pleasures: Women Write Erotica* (Doubleday) was a basis for an ABC TV movie. Coincidentally, in 2009, *Twilight* actor Edi Gathegi performed her prose poem “Bons” with WordTheatre. Her novel *Tanglevine* was published in 2012 by BearCat Press, as was *The Sun and Stars*, a murder mystery set in the court of Henry VIII, under the pseudonym Elizabeth Adair. Shannon’s literary criticism includes an essay on *Salome* in *Approaches to Teaching the Works of Oscar Wilde* (MLA Press). She has taught university creative writing at the University of Oregon and Transylvania University and edited fiction for a publishing house. Besides writing fiction, she freelances as a graphics artist, editor and consultant on Egyptian antiquities. She is a volunteer tour guide for Old Friends, a retirement facility for Thoroughbreds.

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Synopsis of DARK WINE:

Catherine has left her career and friends to accompany her artist husband to Egypt, but his work engrosses him, leaving her rootless and lonely in the mystifying city of Cairo. A chance encounter with a stranger plunges her into a dangerous affair. Passion wars with terror when the man who loves her intensely and tenderly claims his love will kill her.

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