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## FLOATS THE DARK SHADOW

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA. – **FLOATS THE DARK SHADOW** is a literary mystery set in the decadent world of Belle Époque Paris. Yves Fey's debut novel tells a haunting tale of aspiring artist Theodora Faraday and Detective Michel Devaux as they find themselves at odds over the disappearance and murder of neighborhood children. "I want readers to have their surrounding world dissolve," says Ms. Fey. "I hope they'll be swept back to that golden, exhilarating era and find beauty and terror embraced there."

**Yves Fey** has an MFA in Creative Writing from Eugene Oregon, and a BA in Pictorial Arts from UCLA. She has read, written, and created art from childhood. A chocolate connoisseur, she's won prizes for her desserts. Her current fascination is creating perfumes. She's traveled to many countries in Europe and lived for two years in Indonesia. She currently lives in the San Francisco area with her husband and three cats. Writing as Gayle Feyrer and Taylor Chase, she previously published unusually dark and mysterious historical romances.

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### **Synopsis of FLOATS THE DARK SHADOW:**

Young American painter Theodora Faraday struggles to become an artist in Belle Époque Paris. She's tasted the champagne of success, illustrating poems for the Revenants, a group of poets led by her adored cousin, Averill. When children she knows vanish mysteriously, Theo confronts Inspecteur Michel Devaux who suspects the Revenants are involved. Theo refuses to believe the killer could be a friend—could be the man she loves. Classic detection and occult revelation lead Michel and Theo through the dark underbelly of Paris, from catacombs to asylums, to the obscene ritual of a Black Mass. Following the maze of clues they discover the murderer believes he is the reincarnation of the most evil serial killer in the history of France—Gilles de Rais. Once Joan of Arc's lieutenant, after her death he plunged into an orgy of evil. The Church burned him at the stake for heresy, sorcery, and the depraved murder of hundreds of peasant children. Whether deranged mind or demonic passion incite him, the killer must be found before he strikes again.

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