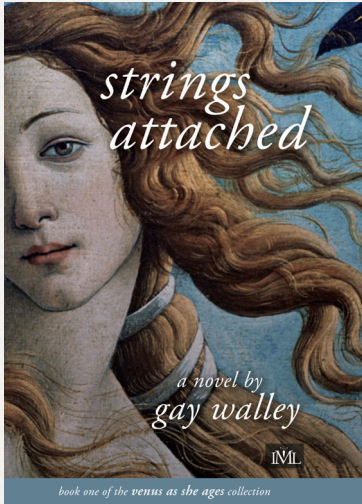


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Based in New York City, Gay Walley, frequently writes about artistic, free-spirited women, whom in each novel face existential issues. Her novels are risky, literary, pushing boundaries in form, style, and the exploration of the female psyche. STRINGS ATTACHED is the first novel in a collection called VENUS AS SHE AGES which, in six novels, takes a female through different situations that challenge and test her commitment to truth, beauty, love and freedom.

British born, Montreal raised, New York City honed, JACQUELINE GAY WALLEY, under the pen name Gay Walley, has published four novels, *Strings Attached*, *The Erotic Fire of the Unattainable: Aphorisms on Art, Love, and the Vicissitudes of Life* (finalist for Paris Book Award), *Lost in Montreal*, and *Duet*. Her award-winning play, *Love, Genius and a Walk* opened in New York City in 2013 and will open in London Fall of 2021. Her film, *Erotic Fire of the Unattainable: Longing to be Found* has been selected and shown in the 2020 virtual Brooklyn Film Festival, Sarasota Film Festival, Cinequest Film Festival and will show in American Fringe Festival in Paris in November 2021. She teaches writing privately in New York, as well as edits and ghostwrites.

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