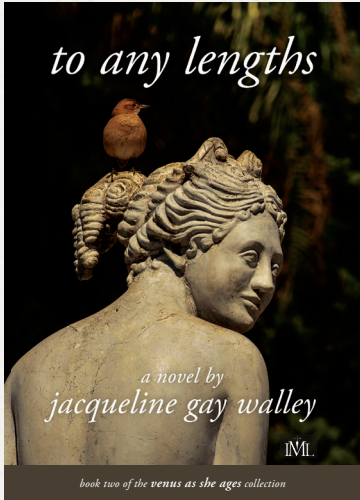


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# TO ANY LENGTHS by Jacqueline Gay Walley

BOOK 2 OF THE VENUS AS SHE AGES COLLECTION

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*To Any Lengths* follows the storyline of a woman who is deliberating getting married to her boyfriend and is frightened. Her childhood and her free-spirited nature make her distrust union. She has a friend who has just gone to jail for growing marijuana. He has been a war hero, an artist, is good looking, a womanizer. She begins to visit him, because he is trapped like she is, and he gives her advice on love and herself. She begins to listen. He is the one who is “free” to her. In listening to him, she begins to itemize and study her own crimes in love. She marries her boyfriend, out of friendship, but the marriage feels doomed to her because the prisoner's mind is lodged inside her. She has to come to where she belongs and what is true freedom and true love to her.

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QUOTE: “I don't cancel the wedding. It's a paltry sum I am taking from him. It is worse than prostitution. Giving myself away for the tender of love. Turning my back, closing my eyes, buying flashy clothes as recompense. A wedding dress no matter how you cut it is flashy. All this so as to get love. This is how low I sink, sleeping with a man, whom I am continually leaving, only to get paid with the currency of love.”

REVIEW: “I fell in love with this narrator; her intimacy with the reader, her ambiguity in love, her ability to find freedom in the prisoner in a world that keeps trying to co-opt her. The novel's inexorable pull forward seduces while it brings us into a wild reckoning with a surprising, rich and tender ally – that lost part of the soul which has refused conquest and is found again through Walley's gorgeous prose. A must read.” – Suzanne Kingsbury, award-winning author of *The Summer Fletcher Greel Loved Me* and *The Gospel According to Gracey*

JACQUELINE GAY WALLEY, under the pen name Gay Walley, has published four novels, *Strings Attached* (finalist for the Capricorn and Pirate's Alley/Faulkner Award) *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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