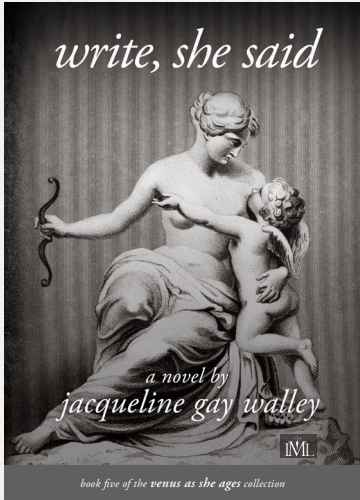


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*Write, She Said:* The title harkens back to Marguerite Duras' novel and film, "*Destroy, she said.*" Mira, the main character, a writer, has a kind of magical realism experience with these two 20th century writers who come back to life as she steps through a mirrored glass to meet Jean Rhys in a bar and Duras on a park bench. With ethereal credit cards they whisk her off to Vienna to teach her about life, love and writing, and to open her to new love with an oboe player. It's as though they want her to know that love comes and goes, experiment, don't be afraid, but all the while keep perfecting the craft of writing, what Walley exudes as, "The private lives of sentences."

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REVIEW: "Jacqueline Gay Walley is a gifted and lyrical writer. In pitch-perfect prose, she's written a sensual, compelling (and often funny) novel. With tremendous originality, she evokes the ghosts of the groundbreaking and hopelessly romantic authors Jean Rhys and Marguerite Duras, who have come back to "life" on a quest to help a beautiful and hapless writer find true love and happiness." – Janice Eidus, author of *The War of the Rosens* and *The Last Jewish Virgin*

British born, Montreal raised, New York City honed, Jacqueline Gay Walley frequently writes about artistic, free-spirited women, whom in each novel face existential issues. The novels are risky, literary, pushing boundaries in form, style, and the exploration of the female psyche. WRITE, SHE SAID is the fifth 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.

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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