

## DARK WINE

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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.

**Beth Tashery Shannon** worked with the Egypt Exploration Society's excavations at el-Amarna and contributed to *Amarna Reports* IV. Her 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. 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 creative writing at the University of Oregon and Transylvania University and edited fiction for a publishing house. Besides writing, she freelances as a graphics artist, editor and consultant on Egyptian antiquities. She is a volunteer with Old Friends, a retirement facility for Thoroughbreds.

