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Chizine Publications, Canada, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Boston, 1859. A nation on the brink of war. Confidence men prowl the streets for fresh marks. Mediums swindle the newly bereaved. Into this world of illusion and intrigue comes William Mumler, a manipulating mastermind and criminal jeweler. Mumler hopes to make his fortune by photographing spirits for Boston s elite. The key to his venture: a shy girl named Hannah who sees and manifests the dead and washes up on Boston s harbor along with her strange, intense mother, Claudette. As Mumler and Hannah s fame grows throughout Boston, everybody wants a piece: Bill Christian, a brothel tough; Algernon Child, a drunken rival; Fanny A. Conant, a sly suffragette; and William Guay, a religious fanatic. These rogues among a host of others, including the great spirit rapper Kate Fox, form powerful bonds with the spirit photographers, one of which will end in murder. Mumler s first and last mistake: the dead cannot be made to heel. Roughly based on the real-life story of spirit photographer William H. Mumler and his clairvoyant wife, Hannah Mumler, Shadows in Summerland immerses the reader in a shifting world of light and shade where nothing is quite what it seems at first glance. A soaring and resplendently Gothic novel spanning three decades, it is as much an homage to the Golden Age ghost stories of Edith Wharton and Henry James as it is a companion to the revisionist historical epics of Peter Carey and Sarah Waters, with a little steampunk all its own. The Man Who Noticed Everything, Adrian Van Young s first book of fiction, won Black Lawrence Press 2011 St. Lawrence Book Award and was published in 2013.



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