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The Seer of Shadows

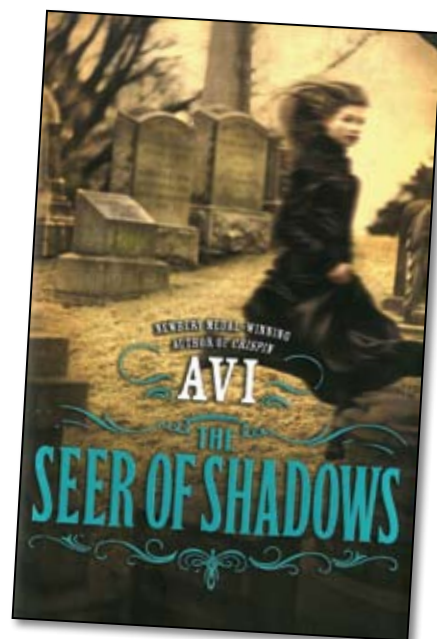
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Fourteen-year-old Horace is excited about becoming a photographer's apprentice. It is 1872 in New York City, and photography is still a new science. Very few people really understand how an image is created on a page.

When Horace and his boss, Mr. Middleditch, are asked by wealthy Mrs. Von Macht to take a portrait to be placed on her dead daughter's grave, they jump at the opportunity. But Horace does not know what his boss has in mind. When they visit the home to set up for the photography session, they find a painting and a photo of the daughter and take some secret photos.

As Pegg, the black servant girl, helps Horace with the photography chemicals and supplies, he learns the truth about Eleanora's death and her relationship with her adoptive parents and Pegg. Eleanora's ghost appears in the final portrait, which is only the beginning of the terror Mrs. Von Macht will experience as Eleanora seeks her revenge.



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