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*Presents an inside look at:*

*Shadow Rider*



*Part of the all new Shadow Series*

*In stores June 28, 2016!!*

## A Letter To My Readers

Dear Readers,

For several years the Ferraro family nagged me to tell their stories. I thought about them constantly. Dreamt of them. Fought with them to stay silent so I could write other stories that nagged at me to come to the light. The Ferraro's were persistent and in the end I couldn't resist them. I hope you can't resist them either.

I love that they love the people in their territory and protect them fiercely. I love that they appear to be one thing and deep inside they are something altogether different. I want them to find happiness with the right woman or man.

The book is more contemporary than others I've written, and of course, as with any book I spent hours researching various subjects to get it right. I hope you love the Ferraros as much as I do. I look forward to writing the next book in the series. In fact, that story has been consuming me just as the first one did. The family is persistent when they want something and they definitely want their stories told. The book is little edgier than some, but very romantic and a bit of a thriller. Definitely an adventure. I really believe you'll end up falling a little in love with the men and woman of this family!

Best,  
Christine Feehan



# Shadow Rider

## Scene 1

“There’s a tradition in our family,” Vittorio said. “When the first arrives, the others will follow.”

“It didn’t happen for our cousins in London,” Ricco said. “None of them married or had children. Nor did the ones in Sicily.”

Stefano kept going. He could give them this. A moment in his life he knew he would never forget. He would share what he considered a private, perfect, almost frightening moment. “I heard her voice first. She responded to something Joanna Masci said to her. That note in her voice turned the key, unlocking something deep inside of me. I felt it like a terrible wrenching. Everything in me reached for her. For that note she left hanging in the air. I heard the music in me answer.”

He fell silent a moment, reliving that moment in time that had changed everything in his world. His heart had pounded in his chest. Hard. So hard it actually hurt. Physically hurt. He could go into a room full of enemies and his heart rate never once elevated, yet hearing that musical note in the air had acted like a key, unlocking a matching note in his body and throwing his iron composure. “It wasn’t snowing, but it was icy cold. The ground was wet and covered in puddles. Time seemed to slow down, but I was aware of everything, yet only her. I saw and recognized who and what she was by her shadow—by the tubes connecting her to everything. Every step she took, I could feel the channels opening everywhere until she took the one step that finally connected us.”

His fingers closed, one by one, into a tight fist, as if he could hold her to him. He’d had a primitive desire to throw her over his shoulder and carry her to a dungeon, one with a lock so she could never escape. He couldn’t give them that moment, that connection when they joined. That was for him alone. That was private. The jolt was intense. Sexual. His body had reacted, his cock hard and urgently full. Everything protective and primal in him had risen to meet her. To claim what he knew absolutely was his.

## Shadow Rider Scene 1 Cont.

“She was freezing. I could feel how cold she was. How hungry.” His throat closed on him. His heart had stuttered in his chest. His woman. The woman who would end the gnawing loneliness. End the hunger for a family of his own. He was a force to be reckoned with. The world he lived in was dark and violent. Unrelenting and unforgiving. He protected the weak. He brought justice to those above justice. One word. One phone call. Life or death. He protected everyone. Yet his woman was freezing. Hungry. In the cold and wet of Chicago. Alone. Unprotected. And she was scared. In Ferraro territory. When their shadows had reached for each other, he felt that as well. Her terrible fear. He swore under his breath. Hating that moment. Feeling a failure. He would have to leave her there, out in the cold. Alone. Afraid. He’d felt helpless for the first time in his life. He’d started training, like those before him, at the age of two. He’d been trained to believe he was powerful. Strong. Intelligent. He moved where others couldn’t, in a world of shadows. Silent. Deadly. Invincible. His woman was cold and hungry. What good was his training? What good was he?



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# Shadow Rider

## Scene 2

Stefano loomed up behind him, a dark shadowy figure she almost couldn't make out. He seemed to emerge from thin air, from the darkest of the shadows, coming up right behind her assailant and catching his head in the vee of his arm, one hand to the back of the skull, forcing the head forward.

The man dropped the knife from nerveless fingers and sagged in Stefano's arms. Stefano dropped him like a piece of garbage on the ground, not even bothering to kick the knife out of reach. He caught Francesca in his arms just as his brothers and Emmanuelle emerged from the shadows.

# Shadow Rider

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## Shadow Rider

*Into the shadows, for the ride of your life!*



## A Violent History

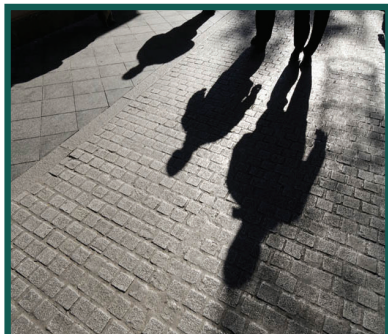
Two families, the Ferraro family and the Saldi family were bitter rivals in the home land years ago. When the Saldi family orchestrated the entire annihilation of the Ferraro's, nearly the entire family was wiped out. But, some survived. And they found strength...in the shadows.



## Psychic Gifts as Weapons

The Ferraro's have always had psychic abilities, but after nearly losing everyone, the core family moves from Italy to the United States, while others spread throughout Asia and Europe. Splintered into factions in different cities, they honed their gifts, vowing that they would become stronger than the Saldi's and would thrive once again.

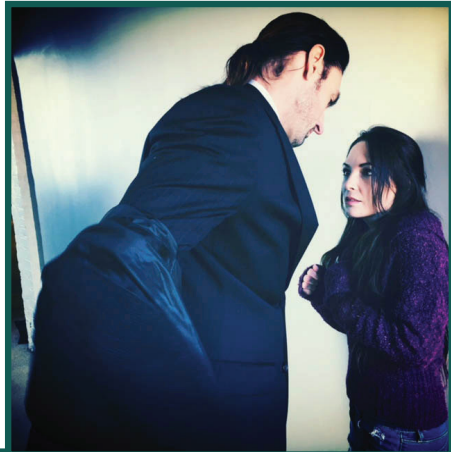
Over the years the Ferraro's became wealthy and powerful. And their psychic gifts allow their family to remain that way. The enforcers of the family are called Shadow Riders. They have a unique ability to utilize shadows in order to travel from one place to another. And though that ability gives them an advantage, it was their deadly skills as assassins that made them feared.



## The Shadow Riders

The family needed more Shadow Riders in order for them to thrive, so often arranged marriages were the simplest answer. But, soon there weren't enough Shadow Riders to help carry on the gene. When Stefano Ferraro, the leader of the Chicago Ferraro family, notices a woman out in the cold, shivering, but determined in her direction toward a local bodega in the neighborhood under his protection, he is shocked to see her shadow moving, reaching for him, unnoticed by the woman. She is a Shadow Rider, the answer to his family's survival, and he would claim her at all costs.





## A Dangerous Past, A Dangerous Choice

Francesca Capella is on the run from a man who killed her sister and set her up to look insane, trying to force her into a mental hospital. Escaping to Chicago where a close friend from college lives, she went from homeless and starving to having a chance at a new life. So when Stefano Ferraro claims her, in front of everyone in the bodega where she hopes to find employment, saying that she is “his” and to keep her safe or else, she is certain her life has gotten worse, not better. She believes the man is clearly mafia. And obviously dangerous. Why she feels such a powerful attraction for him is both frightening and unwanted.

Stefano is a man who is feared. But, for the first time he encounters something more powerful than his gifts and more dangerous than his assassin’s abilities. To win the heart of the woman who can offer him peace and love he must put them both in danger; from his adversaries, her enemies and from the love he has to offer her. To join with a Shadow Rider is to accept their way of life forever.

Stefano’s family is as loyal as they are dangerous and as the head of a billion dollar business it is up to him to ensure their success...and survival. It’s a life he was born to, not one he chose. And it’s a life without hope for love, until an unexpected change of fate in the form of Francesca Capella.



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## A Breathtaking Romance

Stefano is dangerous, especially to Francesca's heart. Longing for a life without fear; a life full of hope, she must decide if she can trust a man most men fear in order to have the life she's always longed for.

She knows he is a dangerous man, but when he touches her, caresses her, kisses her, she feels cared for and cherished more than she has her entire life. The harsh edge of his demeanor, forged by a life of violence and sacrifice, calms when she touches him. Their passion will save them or consume them, but neither will ever be the same again.



## No Turning Back

When Francesca comes under attack, Stefano takes her to his penthouse to keep her safe. And to seduce her, before revealing his secret life. Once joined, if she rejects him, their shadows become unbound, leaving Stefano without the ability to ride the shadows, and her with no memory of him or her past.

The man who killed Francesca's sister shows up and the game begins. Stefano must neutralize the threat, keep his family secrets out of the eye of the paparazzi and gain Francesca's trust as she realizes he is an assassin far more deadly than any enemy she will ever know.

# Family Assignments and Rules



## HOW IT WORKS:

*The hierarchy of the family was designed with two things in mind:  
business success and family survival.*

*The family was split up to ensure its survival and different factions  
specialized in something that furthered the family business.*

*They have their own code of honor,  
but not necessarily one that coincides with what is legal.*

*If someone wants the help of the family  
they would start by requesting an audience with the elders.  
Should the elders believe them, investigators question everyone involved,  
check out facts, evidence and gather data.*

*If it is determined that the person requesting help  
has truly been wronged the enforcers, the Shadow Riders, are called in.*



♥ **Greeters** – There are different types of workers within the family and “greeters” in the Ferraro family were people born as human lie detectors. Stefano’s parents retired as Shadow Riders and became greeters.

♥ **Shadow Riders** – These are the enforcers. They can detect lies as well. A shadow rider has to be able to slide through portals, have a photographic memory and enough energy to disrupt electrical devices should there be need. They are protectors and assassins.

♥ **Investigators** – They check out facts, and confirm them. There are two teams of investigators: one finds out everything about the client, the second about the crime. To be an investigator they must first, like the greeters, be human lie detectors and second, be able to use their voices to influence others to talk, to open up and tell them anything they want to know. To be an investigator, they must have both specific psychic gifts.

♥ **Professionals** – Not all family members have psychic gifts. Not all family members know about Shadow Riders. But family is family, and whether you have a psychic gift or not you are encouraged to obtain a degree in a field that would help benefit the family. That includes international banking, hotels, casinos and other interests.

# Characters

## Francesca Capella *Shadow Rider*

Francesca's life has been a nightmare. Her sister's murderer is after her and will stop at nothing to have her killed. So Francesca goes into hiding, living homeless and afraid until an old college friend offers her a job at her uncle's store in a small neighborhood of Chicago.

When billionaire playboy Stefano Ferraro makes it known he wants her, she knows all the media attention could get her killed. She can't let him take over her life no matter how attracted she is to him.

She's small, but she's tough and has always considered herself a fighter. But, she never realized there was something special about her. Something that brings the most dangerous man she's ever met into her life.



## Stefano Ferraro *Shadow Rider*

As the head of the Chicago family Stefano is all business. His billionaire playboy persona is just a tool to use the media for his own purposes. Born a Shadow Rider, his training as an assassin has been both brutal and thorough.

Used to getting what he wants and having his orders obeyed, he's met his match with Francesca Capello, a beautiful woman on the run and a Shadow Rider herself.

None of his training has prepared him for her. If she refuses him, they will both pay a high price.



## Ricco Ferraro *Shadow Rider*

Ricco is all about taking care of business. But, the risks he takes outside of work borders on suicide. Race car driver, extreme sports, anything for adrenaline. His secret desire, the one thing that keeps him grounded is a practice called Shibari; the Japanese artistic form of bondage. He is a man on the very edge, but is devoted to his siblings and the family business. He came back from his training in Japan with hell and shadowed secrets in his eyes.



# Characters

Vittorio Ferraro  
*Shadow Rider*

Vittorio may be the peacekeeper of the family, but make no mistake, he is lethal.

Always discreet, even around paparazzi, his brothers often turn to him to ensure secrets are kept. But there are secrets not even his family knows about. There are many shadows Vittorio can master but the art of hiding his own desires are the darkest.



Giovanni Ferraro  
*Nickname: Gee*  
*Shadow Rider*

Loyal to the point of lethal. Giovanni is often the liaison for the family when Stefano is away. Meticulous, focused and intense Gee has a soft spot for his sister and great respect for all women.

Experienced at riding the shadows he, like his brothers, looks for thrills outside of work. But the thrill he seeks most is the one he has no hope of finding.



Taviano Ferraro  
*Shadow Rider*

The youngest of the brothers, Taviano is hot headed, but loyal to a fault. More likely to react from instinct and feeling, he is both compassionate and kind. His emotions cause him to respond without thought sometimes, which can be dangerous for him and those around him.



# Characters

Emmanuelle Ferraro

*Nickname: Emme*

*Shadow Rider*

*Only sister of the Ferraro Family*

*9 Years younger than Stefano*

All of her brothers prefer to protect her, not that she needs it. But, they have been raised to respect women. To treasure them. They want her to have a life like all the other girls, not one of violence and death. So, she grew up with five big brothers always hovering close and she never protested or got angry. Instead, she developed a sense of humor and, much to their mortification, the ability to ignore them and do what she wanted anyway.



Though small, her size is often a benefit because no one expects her to have the same skills as her brothers. So surprise is often on her side, since she is equally deadly.



## Extended Family

*Chicago Relatives:*

**Eloisa Ferraro** — Mother of the Chicago based shadow riders, a shadow rider herself now acting as greeter

**Phillip Ferraro** — Father of the Chicago based shadow riders. He took the name of his wife when he married her and learned to ride shadows. He also acts as a greeter.

**Ettore Ferraro** — Youngest brother (deceased) died in the shadows on a mission.

**Vinci Sanchez** — lawyer for the Ferraros and is first cousin to the shadow riders

## Bodyguards - *Chicago*

The Gallos and the Abatangelos are responsible for the protection of the shadow riders at all times and they take their jobs very seriously.

**Perla Gallo** — mother to Enzo, Enrica, and Emilio.

**Rene Gallo** — father to Enzo, Enrica, and Emilio. He is first cousin to Eloisa Ferraro.

**Emilio Gallo** — bodyguard. He is a big man, with a lot of muscle. He works out, trains hard and is every bit as protective and lethal as the family he guards.

**Enzo Gallo** — bodyguard. He is much like his brother, built like a fighter, moves fast and easily, sees everything around him and takes his job extremely seriously.

**Enrica Gallo** — bodyguard. Enrica is every bit as trained as her brothers. She excels as a driver, is a crack shot and can take down most men in a fight.

**Tomas and Cosimo Abatangelo** — usually are Emme's bodyguards.



## Investigators - *Chicago*

The Grecos are responsible for investigations for the Chicago Ferraro family. They take their job very seriously. If they make a mistake, dishonor would be on the entire family.

**Rachele Greco** — first cousin to Eloisa Ferraro. She is an investigator.

**Alfeo Greco** — married to Rachele and is an investigator.

**Renato Greco** — son of Rachele and Alfeo. He is an investigator.

**Romano Greco** — son of Rachele and Alfeo. He is an investigator.

**Rosina Greco** — daughter of Rachele and Alfeo and is a high tech investigator on the computer.

**Rigina Greco** — daughter of Rachele and Alfeo and is a high tech investigator on the computer.

**Zio Sal and his sons** — they are the clean-up crew when necessary.

# Characters - *New York*

**Geno Ferraro** — Shadow Rider

**Salvaotore Ferraro** — Shadow Rider

**Lucca Ferraro** — Shadow Rider

**Lanz and DeAngelo Rossi** — both are investigators for the New York family.

**Beniamino and Davide Latini** — both are investigators.



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## About the Ferraro Territory

The Ferraro territory starts at the edge of Little Italy in Chicago.

The neighborhood is safe because the Ferraro family keeps it safe. Women can walk the streets alone at night and children can play outside without parents fearing for them.

The Ferraros know every shop owner, every homeowner and the family is both respected and feared by those they protect.

The community has a silent understanding that the Ferraro family is who you go to if there's trouble you can't handle on your own.

Crime stopped at the edge of the Ferraro territory. That invisible line is known by even the most hardened of criminals and no one dared to cross it because retaliation is always swift and brutal.

# Knowing the Neighborhood

## Masci's

Masci's is a great place to get a great deli sandwich, a coffee, meet up with friends or buy local groceries. Owned by Pietro Masci for decades, it's family owned, and Ferraro protected. It carries cured meats and cheeses from all the regions in Italy and acts as the local grocery store. Pietro's niece Joanna Masci grew up in the neighborhood. Her uncle took her in after her parents died in an accident when she was quite young. She invited her college friend Francesca Capello to help out at the store as business continues to pick up



## Lucia's Treasures

Lucia and Amo Fausti are the poster couple for romance, and are the owners of Lucia's Treasures. Unique, beautiful and expensive clothes and accessories are their specialty.

The store is a beautiful space, open, marble, decorated mainly with huge, leafy plants, lacy ferns and a few flowering plants. The clothes are from all over the world, designers from France, Italy, India and even locally. They carry beautiful but very different items, all unique.



## Petrov's Pizzeria

The best pizza in Chicago is provided by Benito Petrov, a large, impressive man covered in tattoos, but more like a big teddy bear, and he owns Petrov's Pizza. His son Tito, who is more sweet-natured and charming, like his mother who died several years ago, is the cook. The small family-run business often has a line forming all the way outside as people wait to taste their famous pizza.



# Knowing the Neighborhood

## Luna's Family Restaurant

This restaurant is a favorite of the Ferraro family. It is owned and operated by Massimo and Melani Barone. It is large with wooden tables and chairs, a back room where the Ferraro family likes to gather to eat authentic Italian food. Both Massimo and Melani were born and raised in Italy and their family still resides there. Cousins come to work in the restaurant.



## Balboni's Hardware

John and Suzette own Balboni's Hardware, a small family based business.



## Fiori a Bizzaffe!

Flower shop owned by Signora Theresa Vitale and her grandson Bruno.



# Knowing the Neighborhood

## The Ferraro

One of the most luxurious hotels in Chicago is owned by the Ferraro family. Stefano lives out of the penthouse there. All things exquisite and elaborate welcome those who stay at the hotel, which often includes famous entertainers and politicians. From marble floors to state of the art tech, the Ferraro offers everything to those who can afford it.



## The Saldi Family

The Saldi family had been the deadliest family in Sicily, and they soon realized that people went to the Ferraro family for aid against them. They had demanded the Ferraro family join forces and when their invitation was refused, they sent their soldiers to wipe out every man, woman and child in the Ferraro family.

Giuseppi Saldi now heads up the Chicago family with his son Valentino, a tall handsome man with black hair and green eyes. His cousin and body-guard is Dario Bosco whose number one priority is to keep the Saldi's safe and the Ferraro's at bay.





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with words is such a miracle to me.”*

— *Christine Feehan*

