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# Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer

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## SOME BAD NEWS AND SOME GOOD NEWS!

For this month, I have some bad news and some good news. Let's start with the bad news and get it out of the way. Susan Velazquez Colmant (one of the two agents I pitched my novel **Corinne** to) of JABberwocky Agency in NYC said that unfortunately, she didn't fall in love with my work in the way that she needed to in order to ask for more. While she really liked the angle that this book was based on a real person's stories and WWI/WWII stories are almost always in demand in women's fiction, she just didn't connect to my writing style as much as she wanted to. So, it was a "No" for her. She did give me some useful feedback with ways to change the story to make it more sale-able, but I'm not sure I want to change the ending to a happy one. I appreciated that she didn't just send me a form letter rejection. I'm going to wait until I hear from the second agent before I decide what to do next.

Now for the good news! Coheed and I are going to be featured in a coffee table book called **Beer Dogs Virginia**. The book showcases craft breweries and dogs in central Virginia. I wrote an essay for the book titled, "Growing up in the Neighborhood Bar." Coheed and I spent an afternoon at Stone Brewing Co. for a photoshoot. The

A GLIMPSE OF  
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**[Link to Canvas Rebel  
Magazine article!](#)**

photographer/author Jackie McCool is hoping to have the book out for Christmas but that seems an impossible task to me. Probably it will be available in early 2024—maybe a gift for Valentine’s Day? If you want to find out more about the book or pre-order a copy, you can do that at the following website:

<https://www.jackiemccoolphoto.com/copy-of-beer-dogs-book>

I would like to end the year with a really, really big thank you to all of you. Thanks for liking and sharing my Instagram and Facebook posts. Thanks for buying my books. Thanks for opening my emails and reading my newsletter. And occasionally replying! The support means the world to me. Whatever you celebrate this time of year, I hope it’s awesome for you. I wish you light, joy, and cheer.

As a bonus for the December newsletter, I’m attaching a link to an interview I did online with Canvas Rebel Magazine. Copy the following text into your browser if the link doesn’t work:

<https://canvasrebel.com/meet-joyce-miller/>

I live in the Church Hill section of Richmond, VA with my husband and my retired racing greyhound. Before I started writing, I worked for 30 years at a nuclear physics research laboratory.

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