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Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



APRIL IS ADOPT-A-GREYHOUND MONTH!

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Cinderhounda!

James River Greyhounds has worked through their waitlist and is now accepting applications for your new best friend! They have a steady supply of greyhounds from the Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack in West Virginia. What we say in the greyhound world, "If there's room on the floor, there's room for one more!"

I am working on the formatting of my memoir now and hope to get it out into the world soon! Font size, word count, page numbers, line spacing, paragraph breaks—formatting is how the final book will look and read. I had forgotten how much work there is to do after the work of writing the actual book! I met with my cover designer on March 12 and he nailed my idea for the cover of **Look! You're Dancing**. There are Broadway marquee lights and a dancing dog. I can hardly wait for you to see it!

One of the things that has happened since I wrote **Joe Harris, the Moon** is that distant family members I never knew have contacted me. They find the book on social media or Ancestry.com, they read it and they email or message me to say that we're related somehow. One such person, Renee Martz, recently contacted me to tell me about her dad,

William Mays. He was the son of Thelma Painter Mays. Thelma appears in Chapter 10 of the book saying the blessing at the Christmas meal when Joe returns from the Great War. Renee told me that her dad was 91 years old and in a nursing home, but he would love to speak to me and reminisce about the Harris clan. Because I was formatting the new book, I asked her if we could put off talking until I was finished with the formatting. Unfortunately, Renee emailed me to tell me that her father passed away on March 16 and we never got to talk. You always think you have more time.

As a bonus for April's newsletter, I'm enclosing a link to a stop-motion animation I made a few years ago to promote greyhound adoption, starring my brindle greyhound PG. It's titled, Cinderhonda!

<https://youtu.be/jm5q-AKKnZk>

Let me know if you enjoy it by dropping me an email joycemiller1959@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you!

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Show up and shine!



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