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Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



WELCOME TO MY BOOK LAUNCH!

The long wait is over! My debut novel, Joe Harris, the Moon, is ON SALE everywhere today! I hope you will love reading about Joe's journey as much as I loved writing it.

Joe Harris' journey begins in the coal mines of southwestern Pennsylvania at the beginning of the Twentieth Century. Recruited by professional baseball scouts to play first base in the minor leagues, Joe gets his nickname, "the Moon," and his big break to play for the Cleveland Indians. Playing in the major leagues is cut short by the First World War where Joe is severely injured in an ambulance accident. When Joe returns from Europe and leaves the Indians to play in an "outlaw league," he is given a second chance to play organized baseball. Determined to realize his dream, Joe bats for the Pittsburgh Pirates against Babe Ruth's New York Yankees in the 1927 World Series. Will Joe's injuries from the war intertwined with the financial problems of the Depression compel him to retire from baseball?

If you love reading about early mining history, baseball history, or the Great War you will love this book. If you love reading a story about a man's determination to never give up, you will love this book.

A GLIMPSE OF
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**Map of 1920s
Pennsylvania**

If you know someone else who loves baseball history, please spread the word by posting on Facebook and Instagram. And tag me in the posts!

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Or send them an old-fashioned snail mail postcard--that's what Joe Harris would have done!

A little about me. I am the grandniece of the real Joe Harris, the title character of my novel. Most of the research for the book was done by my cousin, Bob Harris, a real baseball history fan. I took his research, imagined some of the things that Joe went through and I was off. I always wanted to write a book that I would want to read. My favorite books are fictionalized accounts of real people.

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.

Show up and shine!



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