

Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



DRINKS IN THE LIBRARY!

What have I been up to lately? I recorded an episode on August 17th for the podcast **Drinks in the Library**. This is a weekly podcast where librarian Gigi Howard interviews a guest about their favorite book and pairs it with a drink. **Drinks in the Library** was recently voted the #2 Best Local Podcast in Richmond Magazine's Best and Worst of 2024! We discussed one of my favorite memoirs **A Three Dog Life** by Abigail Thomas and I compared it to **Look! You're Dancing**. Ms. Thomas recounts her life after her husband gets hit by a car and suffers a traumatic brain injury. It's a beautiful book about how dogs can save us. Abigail's drink of choice in her memoir was a Manhattan so that is what Gigi and I sipped on.

I received my developmental edit from Brandylane and have jumped into making changes to my manuscript. When I self-published, I was in complete control of everything but now I must get used to their team making all the decisions. Now I am in a stable of writers and have to wait for my turn. According to their production schedule, the book will be available in Summer 2025. I know that's a long time away, but I think it will be worth the wait!

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

A recipe for a Manhattan

On September 8th, I'll be presenting a "Coffee with an Author" webinar for the Greyhound Health Initiative titled **The Greyhound as Muse**. We'll take a deep dive into learning about greyhounds as muse in literature and art. Some writers and artists look to a muse as the source for their creativity and genius. There will be two sessions, one at 11am EST and one at 1pm EST to accommodate their UK audience. I believe there will also be a recording if these times don't work for you. For a donation to Greyhound Health Initiative, you will be entered into a raffle to win a signed copy of my **Look! You're Dancing** book along with a pound of special **Look! You're Dancing** blend of coffee from the Greyhound Coffee Company. The coffee company is also making some **Look! You're Dancing** dog treats that will be available on their website: <https://greyhoundcoffeecompany.com/>
To sign up for the webinar or to get more information: <https://greyhoundhealthinitiative.org/event/coffee-with-author/>

As the bonus for September's newsletter, I'm attaching a recipe so you can make your own Manhattan to sip while you're reading **A Three Dog Life**. I'll let you know when the podcast is available for a listen. As always, if you make the cocktail or read the book, please let me know!

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Manhattan

wipe
rim with
orange
peel

1oz
sweet
vermouth



garnish
with
cherry

2oz
rye
whiskey

2 dashes of bitters
chilled coupe