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Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



IT'S JULY! SUMMERTIME IS HALF OVER!

I will be participating as an author in the [Lancaster Community Library Author Expo](#) on Saturday, July 6 from 2:00pm till 4:00pm in the beautiful river town of Kilmarnock, VA. It's a great day trip from Richmond, VA and you can be around other book lovers! I heard there are a couple of good thrift stores to visit while you're in town –Animal Welfare League's Thrift and Seconds Unlimited. I hope you will join me; I'll be at Table Number 1!

Do you read more over the summer? I just finished reading **All the Sinners Bleed** by S.A. Cosby. He visited with our Church Hill book club in June to discuss the book. The story follows Titus Crown, the first black sheriff in a fictional town of Charon County, VA. We all wore aviator sunglasses like Titus for a photo op with Cosby. Obama has read all his books and can't get enough! Currently, I'm reading **The Secret Book of Flora Lea** by Patti Callahan Henry. She was also recently in Richmond to discuss her book but unfortunately, I had to miss that talk. Let me know what you're reading!

A GLIMPSE OF
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**Second Act:
Writing After
Retirement**

My birthday month of June was wonderful. I'm officially a Senior Citizen! My husband treated me to a gastronomic dream at the minibar in Washington DC. We met up with some friends, who were in town for the architecture conference, that we haven't seen in 7 years. My son took me out for Hot Pot, and I got the following fortune in my fortune cookie, "Your positive attitude will attract abundance in June." My friend Lesa took me out for lunch in Fredericksburg, VA and my friends Dan and Kristen took me out for fondue. Nancy and I went to North Carolina, helped out with the puppets for the Paperhand Puppet Intervention, and went to a Greek restaurant for dinner. Is there a theme here? That I like to eat?

I wrote a guest newsletter article for Ann Harikeethan's "Write the Real You" blog. My article is titled "Second Act: Writing After Retirement." As the bonus for July's newsletter, I'm attaching the link to the article. If the link doesn't work, you can swipe and drop it in your browser.

<https://annharikeerthan.com/second-act-writing-after-retirement/>

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