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Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start “Mothers’ Day Work Clubs” to teach women how to care for their children. In 1868 Jarvis organized “Mothers’ Friendship Day” where mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation. The official Mothers’ Day arose in 1905 at Ann Reeves Jarvis’ death. Her daughter Anna Jarvis collaborated with a Philadelphia department store to honor the sacrifices mothers made for their children. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson established the second Sunday in May as Mother’s Day. Ironically Anna Jarvis remained unmarried and childless her whole life. Having skin kids, fur kids and a couple of book babies myself, I am happy to celebrate all mothers!

Speaking of book babies, **Look! You’re Dancing** is so close to being finished that I can almost taste it. I have been proofreading it over and over again!

I continue to meet more relatives thanks to **Joe Harris, the Moon**. A second cousin Tom Painter told me that Joe had an endorsement deal with one of the Pittsburgh clothing stores and every time he got a home run, he got a free suit. But instead of taking the suits for himself, he took his favorite nephew Neath to the store, and Neath got the free suits. I wish I had known these stories before I released the book so I

A GLIMPSE OF
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**Illustration of six
drinks inspired by
dogs!**

could have included them. They just make Joe sound even more likable!

On May 24th I will be recording a session with the podcast Drinking with Authors. The premise of the podcast is that you're having a drink at your preferred bar and your favorite author walks through the door. He or she sits next to you and an inspirational and entertaining conversation ensues. When my session is live for you to listen to, I will post the link! Or you can watch for it here: <http://www.drinkingwithauthors.com/>
As a bonus for May's newsletter and to celebrate the podcast, I'm enclosing an illustration with several tasty cocktails named after dogs.

Maybe you'll make yourself a Bulldog Smash with Smoke Jumper Bourbon. You can purchase it at Skunk Brothers Spirits: Craft Northwest Distillery, sponsors of Drinking with Authors, with the discount code DWA10. 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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pink poodle



VANILLA
VODKA
LEMON-LIME
SODA
SPASH OF
GRENADINE

great dane



GIN
CHERRY
BRANDY
DRY VERMOUTH
KIRSCH

salty chihuahua



TEQUILA
GRAPEFRUIT
JUICE
DASH OF
SALT

bulldog smash



BOURBON
COINTREAU
1/2 PEACH
1/2 LEMON
SUGAR CANE
SYRUP
MINT LEAVES

greyhound



VODKA
OR
GIN
GRAPEFRUIT
JUICE

bloodhound



GIN
SWEET
VERMOUTH
DRY
VERMOUTH
STRAWBERRIES