

# Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



## A NOVEMBER THANK YOU!

Books have transformed my life through reading and writing, and this Thanksgiving season feels like the perfect moment to express my gratitude. Your support means everything to me. What keeps me writing is knowing that somewhere, a reader will pick up one of my books and find something meaningful within its pages.

I approved the Printer's Proof for **Mrs. Gari Melchers** on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The digital files are now being finalized with the printer. Over the next few weeks, sales pages for the book will start showing up on major online platforms like Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Bookshop, listed as available for pre-order. There will be a paperback and an e-book.

While recovering from my broken right arm, I've had more time to immerse myself in reading. I recently finished **The Listeners** by Maggie Stiefvater, and I loved it. The protagonist, June Hudson, is utterly captivating—she's the General Manager of the Avallon Hotel in West Virginia as World War II begins. Following Pearl Harbor, June faces an extraordinary challenge: sheltering Axis diplomats from Germany, Italy, and Japan at her hotel while they await exchange for American counterparts. The story weaves in subtle magical fantasy elements, with the hotel's mystical waters playing a key role in both the hotel's reputation and June's own journey. I highly recommend!

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**Ask me anything?**

In times of pet loss, have you considered how profoundly pets influence our lives? Dr. Julie Marty-Pearson of **The Story of my Pet** podcast sits down with my friend Amy King, a fellow animal lover and writer, to explore the joys and challenges of pet ownership. Amy shares her journey from childhood fish tanks to adopting rescue dogs with complex needs. Amy also shares how she puts animals as characters into her books. You can find it wherever you get your podcasts.

<https://www.thestoryofmypetpodcast.com/navigating-pet-loss/>

Again, with my broken right arm, it's difficult for me to do a lot of things. So, instead of a bonus for this month's newsletter, I'm going to end with "Ask me anything!"

I invite you to submit questions by email or through social media about my writing, publishing or creative process. I will do my best to answer them, even if I have to do the hunt-and-peck kind of typing with my left hand!

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.

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