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Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



AUGUST IS SUMMER'S LAST STAND!

“The month of August had turned into a griddle where the days just lay there and sizzled.”

— Sue Monk Kidd, **The Secret Life of Bees**

I went to the Richmond Public Library and found my book in the stacks. It was a roasting hot day and to walk into the air conditioned, quiet, re-opened-after-Covid library was a treat all by itself. My friend and I strayed to the “M” section of fiction. Miller, Miller, Mill... and there it was! What a thrill for me!

August 26th is National Dog Day. It’s a day to love dogs, celebrate dogs and promote adoption. The shelters have been at full capacity lately so if you’re thinking about adopting a dog, now is the time. There is a scene in **Joe Harris, the Moon** where Pearl gets a puppy for Joe. Does it make you want to adopt a puppy?

“There in the kitchen in a basket on the floor was a small black and white English pointer puppy. Joe knelt down and started petting him. The puppy wiggled and climbed into Joe’s lap. He licked Joe’s face as Joe scratched his ears. He had one patch of black over one eye and a heart-shaped patch of black on one side.”

A GLIMPSE OF
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Joe Harris
1917 Baseball Card
facsimile

If one of your goals is to finally start or finish writing a book OR you want to try something new and have some fun, you can join the workshop that I did when I wrote **Joe Harris the Moon**. It's called Finding the Writer Within, a creative summer retreat with sessions on topics from mindset, being in your greatness, listening to your muse, writing diverse characters, and more! Sessions are led by award-winning artists, teachers, speakers, and authors from all over the country. And it's free, you just need to reserve your space by August 2nd!

Finding the Writer Within: <https://ftww.iljmp.com/1/ftww2021>

As the bonus for August's newsletter, I'm enclosing a facsimile of Joe Harris' 1917 Cleveland Indians baseball card. The Cleveland Indians are now known as the Cleveland Guardians. To be a Cleveland Guardian is to protect, keep watch and to defend. Joe would have made a good Guardian.

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.

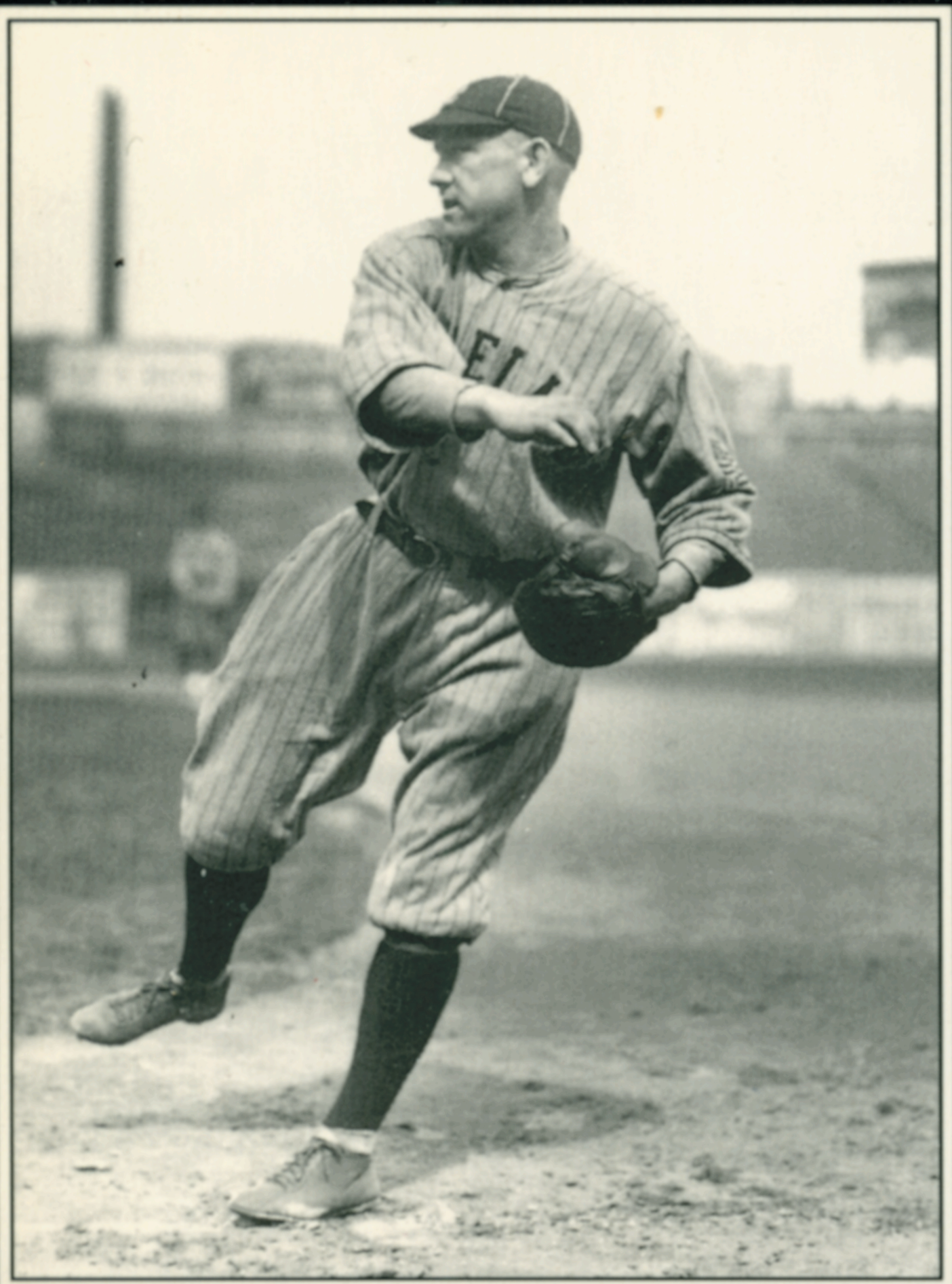
Show up and shine!



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JOE HARRIS
CLEVELAND INDIANS - 1ST BASE

1917