

# Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



## ARE YOU DOING NANOWRIMO?

Have you ever heard of NaNoWriMo? It's a non-profit organization that provides support and encouragement to help you write your novel in one month. NaNoWriMo is short for National Novel Writing Month. It began in 1999 with a challenge to write a 50,000-word novel in thirty days. I never quite understood why the founders picked November as that seems to be one of the busiest months of the year with preparing for the holidays. But they felt they were taking advantage of the miserable weather when people have to stay inside, so might as well be writing. Only 1,667 words per day! I've never been able to do it but let me know if you are going to try!

My booth at the Fredericksburg Independent Book Festival turned out to be a bust! I didn't sell a single book. I even had some "Spend a Night In With a Book" gift sets for the holidays. A signed and gift-wrapped copy of **Joe Harris, the Moon** with some Cracker Jacks and peanuts. A signed and gift-wrapped copy of **Look! You're Dancing** with a Christmas mug and some hot chocolate. One woman did stop, read the back of the Joe Harris book and said it would make a great gift for a person on her list. But she wanted to pay by credit card, and I don't have that functionality at this time. I told her she could Venmo me. She took a card instead and said she would order from my website. The cherry on the top of the day was when my husband spilled his water when we were packing up and three of my books got ruined with water damage. I guess on the bright side, it was a beautiful fall day by the Rappahannock River and the Bacalaito box lunch from the Puerto Rican food truck was good!

A GLIMPSE OF  
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**Labels to help you  
track your word  
count for  
NaNoWriMo!**

Speaking of holiday gifts, you can buy the **Look! You're Dancing** coffee and dog treats from The Greyhound Coffee Company until December 1st. They are available on their website: <https://greyhoundcoffeecompany.com/>  
\$5.00 from each purchase goes to the Greyhound Health Initiative.  
Win-win!

On Saturday, November 9th, I'll be at the Hanover Book Expo. My author friend Amanda Sue Creasy and I will be sharing a table. Both of my books and Amanda's novel **An Expected End** will be available for sale and signing. The Book Expo will be held at VFW Post 9808, 7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville, VA. Book sales are from 10am till 2pm. If you buy 4 books, you can choose a free book from the table of books donated by participating authors.  
There will be some free presentations on writing, working with an editor and a children's story hour!

As the bonus for November's newsletter, I'm attaching some labels you can print out to track your word count for NaNoWriMo! If you participate in NaNoWriMo and use the labels, please tag me on social media or email me to let me know!

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.

Do what you came here for!



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NANOWRIMO - DAY 1

GOAL: 1,667 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

READY, SET, GO!

NANOWRIMO - DAY 2

GOAL: 3,334 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

NANOWRIMO - DAY 3

GOAL: 5,001 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

OH, IT'S ON.

NANOWRIMO - DAY 4

GOAL: 6,668 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

KEEP ON WRITING!

NANOWRIMO - DAY 5

GOAL: 8,335 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

FIVE DAYS IN, FIVE DAYS CLOSER  
TO YOUR NOVEL.

NANOWRIMO - DAY 6

GOAL: 10,002 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

10,000 WORDS BABY!

NANOWRIMO - DAY 7

GOAL: 11,669 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

ONE WEEK IN! WAY TO GO!

NANOWRIMO - DAY 8

GOAL: 13,336 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

GET SOME COFFEE AND GET YOUR WRITE ON.

NANOWRIMO - DAY 9

GOAL: 15,003 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

QUITTING IS FOR . . . QUITTERS . . .

NANOWRIMO - DAY 10

GOAL: 16,670 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

WRITE LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.

NANOWRIMO - DAY 11

GOAL: 18,337 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

YOU STORY DESERVES TO BE TOLD.

NANOWRIMO - DAY 12

GOAL: 20,004 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, YOUNG GRASSHOPPER.

NANOWRIMO - DAY 13

GOAL: 21,671 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

WRITE. WRITE. WRITE. WRITE. WRITE.

NANOWRIMO - DAY 14

GOAL: 23,338 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

TWO WEEKS IN - THAT'S AWESOME!

NANOWRIMO - DAY 15

GOAL: 25,005 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

HALFWAY THERE! \*FIST BUMP\*

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 16**

GOAL: 26,672 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?!**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 17**

GOAL: 28,339 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**YOU'VE GOT THIS.**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 18**

GOAL: 30,006 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**PUT YOUR WRITING PLAYLIST ON  
AND GET TO IT!**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 19**

GOAL: 31,673 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**#AMWRITING**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 20**

GOAL: 33,340 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**PUNCH WRITER'S BLOCK IN THE FACE.**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 21**

GOAL: 35,007 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**35,000 WORDS IS COOL. 50,000 IS COOLER.**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 22**

GOAL: 36,674 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**WRITE SOMETHING AWESOME TODAY.**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 23**

GOAL: 38,341 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**GIVE YOURSELF A PAT ON THE BACK.**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 24**

GOAL: 40,008 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**ONE WEEK LEFT! YOU CAN DO IT.**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 25**

GOAL: 41,675 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**FIVE DAYS LEFT? NO PROBLEM.**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 26**

GOAL: 43,342 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**SO CLOSE! SO . . . CLOSE . . .**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 27**

GOAL: 45,009 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**HOME STRETCH!**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 28**

GOAL: 46,676 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**YOU ARE SERIOUSLY ALMOST THERE.**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 29**

GOAL: 48,343 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**ONE DAY LEFT! PARTY!**

**NANOWRIMO - DAY 30**

GOAL: 50,000 / 50,000

COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50,000

**CONGRATULATIONS! YOU DID IT!  
YOU'RE AWESOME.**