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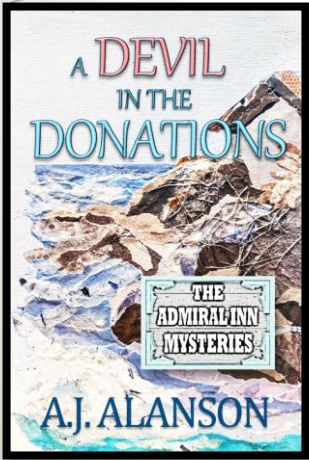


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Stories, Notes, and Other Oddments

## FROM THE EASEL



I'm testing out torn paper collage for my new Admiral book covers coming later this year - AJ Alanson

## FIELD NOTES

FACTS OF FICTION - Chris Chiller

In the 1st book of The Admiral Inn series, a rare \$1,000 bill is dropped in the donations box and yes, that's a real thing but there's more to the story. [\(more\)](#)

## BACKSTORY

REALITY OF WRITING



In book #1, A Devil in the Donations, we meet Helene Jackley, who stole my readers' hearts. Perhaps she is so vivid because I modeled her after an actual woman I worked with decades ago. Lesson: if she stuck in my mind for all these years, it's no wonder her inspiration stuck in everyone else's. - AJ Alanson

## THE POST CLASSIFIEDS

CLEANING SERVICE: In the March installment of The Admiral, a Madam in the Walls, June pulls back the rug on century-old secrets - and a crime. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0BH1NFMC8>



## EDITOR'S DESK - AJ Alanson

March is feeling like February Part Deux. I've started my seedlings for the vegetable and flower gardens, but dang, I'm looking around for space just in case I need to raise them indoors all year. I can't wait to get outdoors! I mean, I love writing books, but I need some green!

## WHAT'S NEWS

March came in like a frozen popsicle so I'm using my inside voice to finish the first draft of the 11<sup>th</sup> book in the Admiral Inn Mystery series while simultaneously drafting the 12<sup>th</sup> and final book. If finishing and publishing my very first book felt overwhelming and emotional, passing each milestone for the "last time" toward ending the series is euphoric and gut-wrenching. I'm driven forward by the excitement of completing a million-word march and the other non-Admiral manuscripts piled up on my digital desk, begging for my attention. Spring fever has me breaking out in hives at the thought of pounding out one more day in the chair. I get it. Writing every single day, in one form or another, can be unglamorous, but the words fade if I don't keep them front and center. The techniques dull. The mechanics rust. *Fast!* There are natural instincts in writing, but without holding the craft front and center in my mind everyday, it sinks, and I'll have to reach just that much farther down to pull it up the next time I write.



## FROM THE VAULT

A flashback from the rise of the AI debate just two years ago, and I still think my old self has something to say. <https://ajalanson.com/2024/05/31/kaiju/>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Come join me at **The Velvet Mill** for a 50-author book signing in Stonington, CT on **March 21** from 11am to 4pm. I have swag! <https://www.connecticutbookfestivals.com/event-details/the-velvet-mills-author-fair>

## THE WELL SEASONED DISPATCH

NEW FROM A WELL SEASONED STORY  
- Chris Chiller



Wondering how we got to this divided now? Again? I explore the non-political reasons for the divisions, citing peer-review research in psychology, neurology and genetics and salting in my experiences, anecdotes, and interviews. Join me <https://chrischiller.com> for exploration and discussion.



## THE GRACE NOTES

MUSIC IN THE EARBUDS

Recorded vocals for a songwriter friend this month. In a couple of weeks, a few of my songwriter friends are getting together to play originally music and, gulp, I'm debuting a few tunes Chris and I have been writing. We're writing our own music for the audio books, podcasts, and ads.

## QUOTES FROM THE CAST

When reality overwhelmed any hope, a tiny sob escaped June's lips. "Oh, goodness," she muttered to the woman in lying front her. "I'm so sorry I'm late." - June Faust, Book #11



ON THE BENCH FOR NEXT MONTH: Spring Cleaning: checking in with 2026's schedule and goals

