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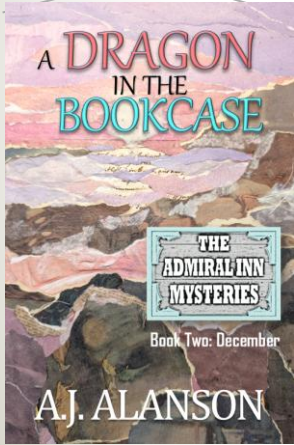


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Stories, Notes, and Other Oddments

## FROM THE EASEL



Working on the second cover for my rebadge of The Admiral Inn Series. Torn Paper. - AJ Alanson

## FIELD NOTES

FACTS OF FICTION - Chris Chiller

Smugglers! From the 2nd book on of The Admiral Inn series, smuggling plays a growing role in the mysteries June needs to solve both under her house and out in the town of Moorewicks Bay, and Maine had more than its fair share of Owlers! ([more](#))

## BACKSTORY

REALITY OF WRITING



In book #6, **A Fool in the Grand**, June pulls back the rug, or red carpet in this case, on evidence of a gruesome death. In reality, Chris and I had the same experience, but the carpet was pink! - AJ Alanson

## THE POST CLASSIFIEDS

**WANTED: TOUR GUIDES.** Must be physically fit, not squeamish, not claustrophobic, be on call, have first aid training. Drive electric trains. Able to swim and dig. Great people skills. [Apply to The Admiral Inn Mysteries Here](#)



## EDITOR'S DESK - AJ Alanson

**EXTRA!** The 11<sup>th</sup> book in The Admiral Series is off to the editors! **A Ghost in the Tides** should be available by the first of June. A little cover art, a bit of back-and-forth, and the 12-book arc spanning a year in my innkeeper's life, *The Admiral Inn Mysteries*, will be closed for the season. Just one book left to write!

## WHAT'S NEWS

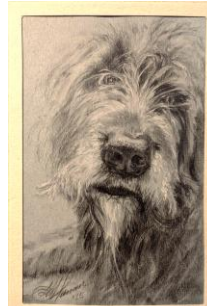
Four months...just...vanished! One third of 2026 is in the books, literally. That's where I put my everyday experiences—into books. This trimester, life helped create the story for the 11<sup>th</sup> book in The Admiral Inn Mystery Series, **A Ghost in the Tides**. I get all giddy thinking about finishing this 12-book arc, and with only one installment left, I can almost taste the finish line—and it's chewy. Still, 2026 is flying by, so about this time, I take stock: what were the goals I set and how close am I to hitting my marks. Honestly, I always set the bar too high and this year is no different, but missing a deadline, or extending a project, or sliding something into the already packed schedule because it's just too great of an opportunity, or switching gears, changing directions, ALL of it is the sport of setting goals. I'll meet expectations on finishing these two books and move into the grand relaunch of the entire series to coincide with the grand reopening in October, *inside* the story. And that's amazing!



## FROM THE VAULT

**Wagging Tongues:** One of those things that jumps in the middle of your plans but is too good to pass up. <https://ajalanson.com/2025/03/04/wagging-tongues/>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Bowing to pressure, book #11, **A Ghost in the Tides**, will be added to The Admiral Inn Mystery and Adventure series on Amazon. Ebook and paper back should be available the first of June. Catch up and stay tuned for the finale, Book #12!

## 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 at my website and blog: <https://chrischiller.com> for exploration and discussion.



## THE GRACE NOTES

MUSIC IN THE EARBUDS

I have to confess, I have accidentally written 8 songs this year and yes, this is cutting into my other duties, but it just takes over—this song-writing muse—and so far, it's bigger than me. For a while I made the case that I can use each song in my audiobooks, (the sound studio is complete) but lately, I've run out of projects to justify my indulgence. *It's just too stinkin' fun!*

## QUOTES FROM THE CAST

“My old prediction had me running this inn until I couldn't do it anymore and then haunting the place in my bathrobe and slippers until I kicked the bucket.

- June Faust, Book 6.



ON THE BENCH FOR NEXT MONTH: What's Growing? The gardens and the book business

