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## FROM THE EASEL



PHOTO: A view from rural Southern Germany. Having to walk 4 kilometers just to be go anywhere may sound daunting, but with views like these, and a little strategizing my bus connection so that the walk is downhill both ways, it's maybe even the best part of the commute—compared to the wild west of German public transport (especially the trains!!!)  
- Ava Chiller



## FIELD NOTES

FACTS OF FICTION - Chris Chiller  
RUM RUNNERS! In Book #2, A Dragon in the Bookcase, June Faust discovers a whole treasure trove of contraband to inspect while Helene Jackley waddles away under the suspicious clinking of bottles under her overcoat. ([more](#))

## THE POST CLASSIFIEDS

JOINT GARAGE SALE: Sunday only. Everything must go. Cleaning out the smuggling tunnels under the Admiral Inn and a hundred years of Lost and Found from The Ambassador Hotel. No Backsies! Talk to Helene or Ben at: [The Admiral Inn Mysteries Here](#)

## EDITOR'S DESK - Aj Alanson



*The gardens are officially in and growing! I'm in that honeymoon phase when I can scratch around a little for weeds and thin a few seedlings but mostly, I'm at my desk writing.*

## WHAT'S NEWS

It's hard to stay in the chair this time of year, I'll admit, but I've come to the conclusion that "write everyday" may not mean typing out words on a manuscript. Over the years, I've broadened the definition to include a day of brainstorming, outlining, researching, editing, or even writing a short story, an essay, a poem, or lately, a song. I think it counts just so long as I am forming original thoughts about the world and communicating them to someone. What "writing everyday" does not include is marketing, or bookkeeping, or shaking hands. On those days, I have double duty, but the writing coming first. This understanding grew over decades and while it may seem rigid and reclusive, writers can be pulled in every direction, mostly by non-writers, and have months or years go by where we are barkers, schmoozers, accountants, politicians, and tech nerds on digital platforms. You can quickly find yourself no longer a writer but a *former* writer reliving the glory days. Stay vigilant!



## FROM THE VAULT

Wonder Woman: Thought I would bookend Ava's contribution in the art column above with my post when she left for Germany last year.

<https://ajalanson.com/2025/08/15/wonder-woman/>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

I'll be attending the Cinco de Juno celebration this year but not as an author, although copies will be available. I'll be performing a couple of songs with the Erie Front Porch Gang, which is totally not a real name. Maybe a couple of our originals.

## 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

Lyrics snippet from my most recent:

"My dusty, rusty suitcase flops open on the bed.

Your excuse for the motel tab screaming in my head.

You say, "You're thinking too much. You always do,"

As if one more damn room for two's not proof.

You made me believe it wasn't you; it was me,

That my mind is a whole rat nest of insecurities,

The 'working lates,' broken dates, cold dinner plates

Are my imagination seeing things that ain't."

Yeah, I got my Bakersfield on!



ON THE BENCH FOR NEXT MONTH: Early harvests for gardens and summer books

