



PENNIE INSPIRED

Love & Saffron + Friendship and Makes for a Delightful Read

"A publisher friend on the east coast, Joan Demayo, told me simply had to read *Love and Saffron*, and I'm so grateful! What a treasure of a book!" Pennie exclaimed. Openly seduced by the location in the Pacific Northwest, the story was timeless and could be anywhere. Pennie loved the depiction of some of her favorite haunts, but knows the book can speak to all.

Written by Kim Fay, about a

You Do Judge a Book by its Cover

Although it has been a line for years, in reality people mostly do choose a book by its cover. *Love and Saffron* is a perfect example, as the original cover screams the 1960s, which is appropriate for the book, but not necessarily the best graphic for sales. Pennie greatly prefers the cover for the February 2023 trade paper, as it harkens to the 60s, but in an upbeat kind of way.

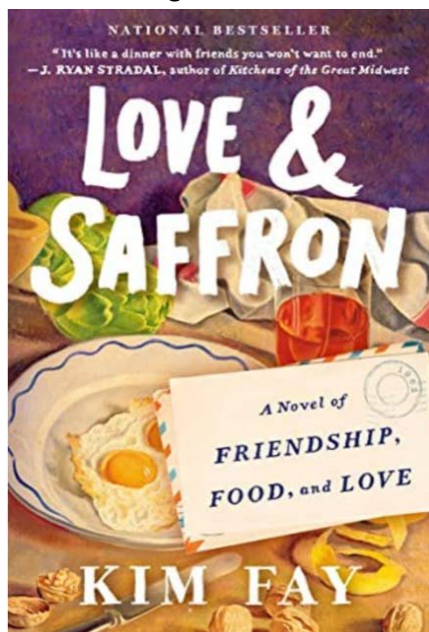
Washington State and now lives in LA, and she chose those to locations for the characters. Pennie is a Washington girl, and always is drawn to stories of her home area, but that's not the only reason she loves this book. "It was such a gratifying read! Such a simply e n c h a n t i n g story, along with lovely recipes,

The women not only share their stories to each other, but their recipes as well. It is an enchanting novel of unexpected friendship. Many who have read it wished it had been longer!

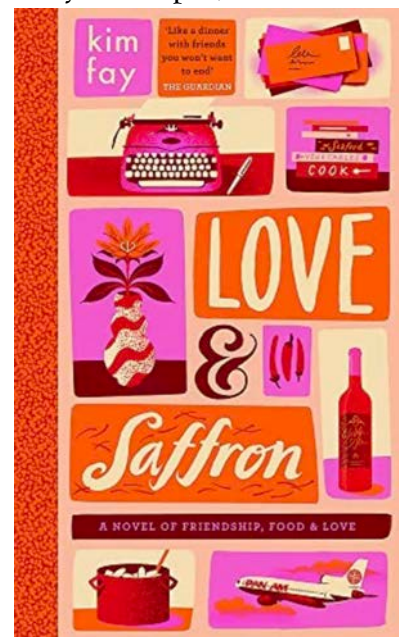
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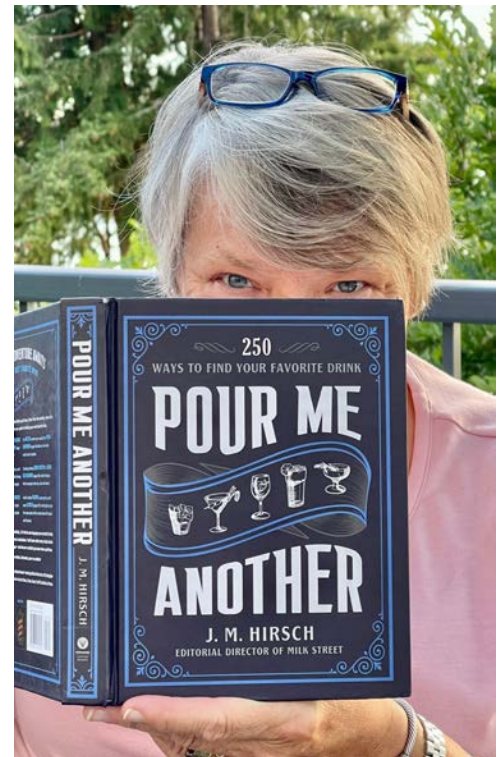
The original cover (left) vs. the trade paper cover.



250 Ways to Pour Your Favorite Drink: What About the Other 115 Days???

Pennie has lots of ideas to more and more popular (no, not compliment the reading simply because of Pennie!) and experience. If reading a book when paired with reading, they and the plot takes the not only enhance the reading characters to say, Paris, time, but are resources as well. perhaps a nice French drink Many include both alcoholic and alcohol-free sipping pleasures. One might have to have on hand an amazing plan ahead, as some special drink resource, such as *Pour Me Another* by J. M. Hirsch. ingredients might not be on hand, but anything for a good read, says Pennie!

Cocktail books are becoming



"More! I want more recipes!" Yes, Pennie is looking at you!



Sip on a Bijou? Yes, Please!

This is the cocktail for folks who love an Old Fashioned, but think they aren't a gin drinker. The Bijou is from around 1890, when it was made with equal parts gin, sweet vermouth and Green Chartreuse. It's a combination that is reminiscent of a lighter, brighter Old Fashioned. But the original ratio could leave the Bijou feeling a bit rough at the edges. In recent decades the volume of gin crept up, an improvement credited to bartending legend Dale DeGroff. In this version, I nudge the Green Chartreuse down even more; it easily overwhelms and is best appreciated as a background note. I also add Angostura bitters to the more conventional orange bitters, which—combined with a tiny pinch of salt—results in a perfectly rounded, balanced cocktail.

Bijou recipe:

- 2 ounces gin
- 1 ounce sweet vermouth
- ½ ounce Green Chartreuse
- Dash Angostura bitters
- Dash orange bitters
- 6 to 10 granules kosher salt
- Ice cubes

In a stirring glass, combine the gin, vermouth, Green Chartreuse, both bitters and the salt. Stir with ice cubes. Strain into a coupe. **From *Pour Me Another* by J.M. Hirsch.**



Elizabeth Brooks is Interviewed by Pennie!

Pennie hadn't thought of herself as an interviewer, but was recently approached to interview author Elizabeth Brooks at Elliott Bay Book Company in Seattle. Turns out Pennie thoroughly enjoyed the experience! For one, Elizabeth proved to be a delightful person and Pennie found her to be very interesting.

Brooks' latest book, *The House in the Orchard*, was recently chosen as one of BuzzFeed's chosen books to "Cozy up with this fall," and Pennie found to be a compelling read. "I loved how Elizabeth created a female Victorian character, being discovered by a woman after WWII, who gets to know her through long forgotten journals. I loved how Elizabeth captured the lost, Victorian voice."

Brooks, who grew up in England and attended Cambridge University, became an avid reader in her youth, and really fell in love with literature when she



Elizabeth Brooks (left) is with Pennie at Elliott Bay Book Company in Seattle.

first read *Jane Eyre* at the age of 14. At Cambridge she read Classics at Newham College, then married and moved to the Isle of Man where she worked to achieve her dream of becoming a novelist.

Pennie had a great time, and enjoyed meeting Elizabeth. Pennie just might be open to similar opportunities in the future!

Pennie did WHAT???

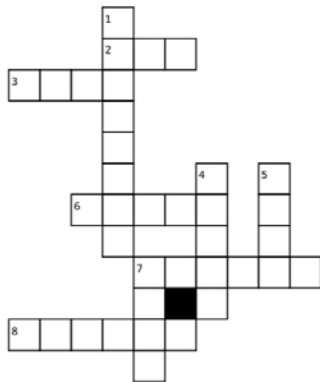
Tales of a Storied Career

One time, while returning from New York, Pennie was checking-in at JFK, but her luggage was too heavy. Well, you can't go to NYC and not bring back a few things, right? They had her remove an item, then another, and so on until her bag was *underweight*. At that point they told her she could put a little back in. Pennie then put an item back in her bag - then another, and another, until every item she'd removed was back in her bag. They closed up her bag and wished her a nice flight.

True? Not true? Your Choice!

The Pennie Puzzle

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Down:

1. Pennie _____, her new venture
4. What Pennie never does
5. Pennie often enjoys, particularly red
7. What Pennie does each month professionally

Across:

2. Pennie really enjoys a good one
3. Pennie's furry friends
6. Pennie's favorite beach bird, the Blue _____
7. Pennie's four-legged consultant
8. Where Pennie worked for many years

Binc is There to Help - and They're Ready!

Pennie wonders how she didn't know about Binc (Book Industry Charitable Foundation) until recently, but now she's a fan! Binc's sole purpose is to help owners and employees of brick and mortar bookstores and comic shops. Judey Kalchik, Communication and Project Manager, explained their mission is to provide assistance for unforeseen emergency, financial, medical and mental health needs, and wants more people to know Binc is here to help.

Born out of a Borders Books program that morphed into one that now serves the nation's brick and mortar book industry, historically they've helped victims of domestic violence,

people with no money for rent, utilities or health care, and have been providing this financial support for 26 years. They have given over \$11,000,000 - \$4,500,000 during the Covid-19 crisis alone. Currently they've already received 28 requests from Florida areas devastated by Hurricane Ian. This is a charity that is at the ready!

Binc is 100% supported by donations, primarily publishers as well as individuals. One recent donor was moved to write out a check when she happened to sit next to recipients of a Binc grant. Yes, grant - Binc does not provide loans, but takes care of needs directly to the relief of many.

Many authors are major supporters of Binc, including Ann

Patchett, Jason Reynolds, Celeste Ng, Mac Barnett, Min Jin Lee to name just a few. As Judey says, small book and comic shops are not a way to get rich - but you can make a decent living, and when a crisis occurs it can destroy lives. The book world is very supportive of Binc.

Binc's Executive Director, Pam French, is so grateful to their donors, and feels they are "...compassionate in the way they give." French adds "We're able to continue this work through continued compassionate giving." If interested, please check out Binc's website to donate at: www.bincfoundation.org

Pennie, who earned a social work degree at the University of Washington, was so impressed to learn about Binc. We look forward to covering more about Binc and their important work in the future.



Judey Kalchik and Pennie finally find each other at last at the PNBA Fall Book Show in Tacoma, Washington.

Pennie Puzzle Key

