

Jill Shure's *Night Caps* Cocktails Inspired by Night Jazz and Night Glitter

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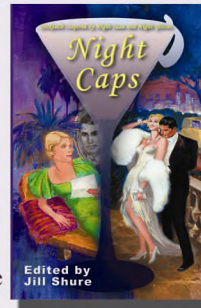
Call me a gangster's moll, a bitch-kitty, a floozy or a flapper. Or maybe just a woman in love. I was all of these in 1929. Caught in an incredible time warp, sent back seventy years, I hummed along to Gershwin and Berlin, draped myself in satin and fur and anointed myself with Guerlain's Shalimar and Chanel's Cuir de Russie. I danced the foxtrot, the two-step and the Charleston. I drank Pink Ladies and Black Velvets at grand speakeasies like The Stork Club and "21."

Black Velvet
½ Guinness's Stout
½ Champagne

Pour carefully into a ten ounce glass.

Pink Lady Cocktail
1 ½ oz. Gin
1 tsp. Grenadine
2 dashes Cream

Shake over cracked ice, strain into chilled glass.



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Lex Rose

Without warning, a waiter...set down two fresh drinks.

I eyed the cocktails. "We didn't order these."

"No, those gentlemen sent them over," the waiter said, indicating a table across the dance floor. "A Merry Widow set up for you, madam. And a Roman Punch for your husband."

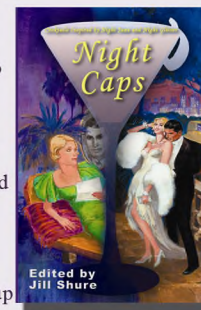
My heart pounded. Across the crowded club, the restaurant captain had just seated five men, all in dark double-breasted suits. The two ugly mugs in the center belonged to Nicky and Tito Desanto. ...Both men hated Lex, believe he killed their Uncle Carmine (Ascencio), their loving uncle who'd probably bounced them on his knee as toddlers then taught them how to point a Tommy gun and squeeze the trigger.

Merry Widow
1 ¼ oz. Maraschino
liqueur
1 ¼ oz. Cherry-
flavored Brandy

Shake over cracked ice, strain into chilled glass.

Roman Punch
2 oz. Cognac
1 tsp. Curaçao
1 tsp. Raspberry syrup
2 tsp. Lemon juice
2 dashes Jamaica rum
1 tsp. Sugar syrup

Shake with ice, strain into glass.



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Franky Wyatt

...Franky Wyatt's gaze covered me like a warm glove. My desire clouded his blue eyes as they roamed over my décolletage to my breasts and down the bodice to my legs.

"My God this is a coincidence. I was just thinking about you," he said, leaning over and brushing his lips across my cheek...

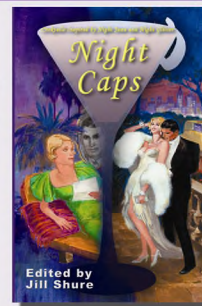
... "Care to dance?" Without waiting for my answer, he grabbed my elbow and steered me toward the dance floor, until his arms encircled me, gently pressing me against him. Even the gentlemanly touch of his hand on my back provoked me, sending waves of desire through my loins.

Jack Rabbit
1 oz. Apple Brandy
½ oz. Maple Syrup
½ tsp. Lemon Juice
½ tsp. Orange Juice

Shake with ice and strain into cocktail glass.

Silver Stallion Fizz
2 oz. Gin
Ginger Ale
1 scoop Vanilla Ice Cream

Shake gin and vanilla ice cream with ice and strain into a highball glass. Fill with ginger ale and serve.



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