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LINDBERGH, Anne Morrow

September 10, 1935

Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh
c/o Harcourt, Brace & Co.
383 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Lindbergh:

May we congratulate you upon **NORTH TO THE ORIENT**.
It is so beautifully written, especially the chapter
on North Haven!

You may be interested to know that several years
ago we started a project which we now call the **Maine
Author Collection**. This is an exhibit collection
of the works of contemporary **Maine** authors, and it
numbers several hundred, most of the volumes being
inscribed and presented by the authors.

Naturally we are extremely proud of this
collection, and particularly so when we can welcome
a new author. We feel that we can claim you as a
Maine author, since for many years your summer home
has been here, and since an entire chapter in your
book was definitely of a **Maine** background.

We hope that you will want to inscribe a copy
for our **Maine Author Collection**, and for your
convenience we are enclosing a return label and
postage. We assure you that we appreciate all
such kindnesses of our authors. We also extend
to you a very cordial invitation to visit the **Maine
Author Collection**, should you at any time be in
Augusta.

Very truly yours

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NORTH TO THE ORIENT

Anne Morrow Lindbergh's Book That The World Is Reading

In whatever connection the name of Lindbergh appears, there is called to it the attention of the entire country; in particular this began in the region of Maine, where the family makes its summer home. Here there will be encountered a special interest, not to say pride, in this story told by the wife of the distinguished aviator, in which some of our local names are given prominence.

"North to the Orient" is the story told by the wife of the noted aviator of their now famous flight to the eastward; a skillfully presented narrative of the perilous journey through uncharted skies. It was four years ago that the Colonel and his wife in their plane, the Sirius, took off from North Haven, followed by the cheers and well-wishes of friends and family, in whose care baby Jon was left.

The writer's charm of description and frank confession of difficulties encountered are full of thrills. The heart of the reader is repeatedly moved by her heroism and beauty of character that the narrative reveals. She was, as her husband declared, both the crew and the radio operator. This latter difficult art she had to learn for the purpose of this flight, with a perseverance that rendered her perfect in its operation. Mrs. Lindbergh was the first white woman the Eskimo population at Baker Lake, the Hudson Bay trading post, ever had seen, and she created profound interest. Indeed all along the route the daring adventurers were given by the natives a cordial welcome, accompanied by great astonishment over their appearance in those hitherto unvisited parts.

The story of high adventure, thrilling encounters and narrow escapes is concisely told with a charm of description that borders upon the poetic. The accident to the Sirius, the encounter with fogs, the Yangtze River in flood—these hold the reader absorbed and are among the high lights of the story, which closes with a chapter on the joys of flying, making it easy to understand why Anne Lindbergh's book is immediately listed among the best sellers, and destined to bring to the heroine and hero of it a further fame and devotion from a country that steadily holds them in its heart of heart.

—K. S. F.

[Published by Harcourt, Brace & Co.,
New York]

Rockland Courier-Gazette
September 7, 1935

October 9, 1935

Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh
Deacon Brown's Pt.
North Haven, Maine

Dear Mrs. Lindbergh:

NORTH TO THE ORIENT has arrived at the library, and we are delighted, not only with the book and its inscription, but also with your interest in the Maine Author Collection. This volume, written in such a charmingly conversational style, with its dramatic episodes, its valuable and interesting appendix, is proving more popular with readers every day. We have a long list of patrons who are waiting for their turn to read your story, and we consider it a mark of distinction to be able to add NORTH TO THE ORIENT to our Maine Author Collection. Thank you for your interest and kindness.

Very truly yours
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