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SAVAGE, Elizabeth (Mrs. Thomas)
SUMMER OF PRIDE

With the compliments
of the author

Little, Brown and Company
34 Beacon Street
Boston 6, Massachusetts
January 20, 1961

Mrs. Elizabeth Savage
Indian Point
Georgetown, Maine

Dear Mrs. Savage:

Congratulations on the publication of your novel, SUMMER OF PRIDE. We were fortunately able to see an early copy, having ordered it for our bookmobiles and traveling libraries, and it seems to us the kind of book which should enjoy a long and active demand from readers.

Do you know of the Maine Author Collection? It is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or about the state. Most of its nearly three thousand volumes are inscribed presentation copies, the inscriptions varying as much in personality as the books themselves. There are novels, histories, cook books, children's stories; books on travel, law, art, merchandising, mysticism -- as many kinds as authors, of course. The inscriptions are sometimes simple autographs, sometimes bits of original verse or pen-and-ink sketches, sometimes an autobiographical paragraph or a tribute to the State of Maine. Whatever form the inscription takes, it lends distinction, and we are always delighted to be able to add a good book to this Maine exhibit. We also gather all possible biographical and critical material, so that we may have complete information about our Maine writers and their books.

We hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of SUMMER OF PRIDE for inclusion in the collection. It would give us pleasure indeed to count it among the works of other Maine authors.

Meanwhile, you have our very good wishes for its long and satisfying success, and for the next book which we understand is already in progress.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Mrs. W. Jacob,
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

Thank you very much for your most friendly letter about my novel, Summer of Pride. I would of course be delighted to be represented in the Maine Author Collection, and will be most happy to send you an autographed copy.

Sometime during this year (although we do not yet have a definite publication date) my husband's fourth novel will also be appearing, and I know that he also would be glad to join the collection!

We are both adopted Maine-ites—having attended Colby together and been homesick for the state since, until we were able to come here to live. Incidentally, Colby gave my husband an honorary degree several years ago, which also increased our affection for what seems to us a most rewarding and delightful place in which to live and work.

Most sincerely,

Elizabeth Savage

Mrs. Thomas Savage
February 10, 1961

Mrs. Thomas Savage
Georgetown
Maine

Dear Elizabeth Savage:

The copy of SUMMER OF PRIDE for the Maine Author Collection arrived this morning, and we are delighted to be able to include it with the work of other Maine writers.

Thank you for your friendly letter. Yes, we had rather hoped that we might claim also your husband, and had made a note to write to him when next summer's book should achieve publication. We are glad to be reassured, and are proud to know that we may adopt you both.

It is especially gratifying to adopt those who accept Maine not only for its summer sun but also for its ice-bound roads in winter, and news of your road comes to us through Miss Hill, who, as you know, shares it from time to time. Surely you have earned an accolade for hardihood, and the right to judge Indian Point "rewarding and delightful," which of course makes you rewarding and delightful.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
April 16, 1970

Mrs. Thomas Savage
Indian Point
Georgetown, Maine 04548

Dear Mrs. Savage:

Do you remember that some few years ago you gave us a copy of SUMMER OF PRIDE to be included in the Maine Author Collection?

We write now on behalf of this exhibit to inquire about the possibility of having a copy of BUT NOT FOR LOVE for this purpose. Its Maine background, together with your residence in the state, embolden us. It would certainly give us pleasure to include this novel with the other Maine books.

We hope spring is coming to your part of the coast, and that it finds you looking forward to warm days and the return of neighbors.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

Thank you for your interest in BUT NOT FOR LOVE. I will be glad to have my editor see that you are sent a copy.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Signature]

Mrs. Thomas Savage
June 18, 1970

Mrs. Thomas Savage
Indian Point
Georgetown, Maine 04548

Dear Mrs. Savage:

Thank you so much for sending a copy of your new book, BUT NOT FOR LOVE, for the Maine Author Collection.

It is certainly a remarkable authentic group of characters you have assembled, and if you haven't been carrying a tape recorder around in your pocket, you must have been concentrating on speech inflections and mannerisms. Those of us familiar with the scene recognize situations and characteristics we have known.

Very good wishes for its success.

Sincerely yours

hjm
In Charge of
Maine Author Collection