Dorothy Simpson Correspondence

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SIMPSON, DOROTHY

b. Rockland
residence - Pleasant Point
March 9, 1956

Mrs. Dorothy Simpson
Gay's Island
Pleasant Point, Maine

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

There is a fascination about islands, isn't there? We hope we shan't have to wait long to see a copy of your new book, ISLAND IN THE BAY, for we cannot have too many good books about Maine, and surely you can speak with authority about Maine coastal islands.

Library lending copies of the book will be ordered through a regular bookstore, but we write now about the Maine Author Collection, and our delight at being able to claim you. You were born in this state, weren't you? We have met you in the pages of Miss Ogilvie's books, and it is a pleasure not often experienced to have a friend come out of a book and become an author!

We hope you will want to inscribe and present a copy of ISLAND IN THE BAY to the Maine Author Collection. Good luck to it, and may it be only your first!

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Pleasant Point, Maine.
March 14, 1956.

Dear Mrs. Jacob -

In answer to your request, I am mailing you a copy of ISLAND IN THE BAY.

I was very pleased that you would ask for a copy, and it makes me very happy to know that my book will be in your collection.

Yes, I was born in Maine -- in Rockland. When I was two weeks old I was taken to Criehaven, and that became my home for many years.

I have enjoyed your traveling library for a long time; I have been custodian of the books several times, and felt very rich with so many good books at hand. There's nothing like having an interesting book to read in the isolation of a far-out island in winter!

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
March 27, 1956

Mrs. Dorothy Simpson  
Pleasant Point  
Maine  

Dear Mrs. Simpson:  

You are indeed kind to respond in such a friendly and generous manner to our letter. We welcome ISLAND IN THE BAY, and add it to the Maine Author Collection with appreciation.

We are delighted with this story. It is such a good one for our traveling libraries and bookmobiles, and for anyone who wants the real flavor of the coast and its people. You are to be congratulated, and we certainly hope this is only your first book, for we look forward with much interest to other tales of the land you know so well.

Thank you very much for the collection copy of ISLAND IN THE BAY.

Sincerely yours  

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
Mrs. Dorothy Simpson
Pleasant Point
Maine

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

Do you remember that we wrote to you about ISLAND IN THE BAY, and that you inscribed a copy for the Maine Author Collection?

We are writing now about THE HONEST DOLLAR, which we added to our order lists for the traveling libraries and bookmobiles as soon as we heard about it. ISLAND IN THE BAY was such a good story that we welcomed the news that you had written another book for young readers with the same coastal background, and we expect the new one to be even more popular than the first.

May the Maine Author Collection anticipate the pleasure of including THE HONEST DOLLAR? All good wishes for its success.

Sincerely yours

hmj
In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Pleasant Point, Maine
August 5, 1957

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I'll be happy to send you a copy of The Honest Dollar as soon as I get one from the local bookstore. I don't have a spare in the house at the moment, and I haven't been to Rockland for several weeks, but I expect to go shortly. Between writing, gardening, berry-picking, and guests, I find that life on an island can be even busier than I'd ever known it to be back in my Criehaven days.

It's good news to know that Island in the Bay is so popular, and I hope everyone likes The Honest Dollar as well.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Simpson

Dorothy Simpson
August 14, 1957

Mrs. Dorothy Simpson
Pleasant Point
Maine

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

Thank you so much for the inscribed copy of THE HONEST DOLLAR. It goes into the collection with ISLAND IN THE BAY, and reminds us of your earlier story, for its same salt air and quick perceptive drawing of the various characters and situations. You show the same understanding, too, of youngsters and their problems.

Janie is a child to win her way into anyone's heart, and we think THE HONEST DOLLAR will be a very popular book.

Thank you again, and good luck to the book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
December 10, 1958

Mrs. Dorothy Simpson
Pleasant Point
Maine

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

Does the Bay sparkle these days? How much beauty the summer visitors miss!

Do you know, we don't have A LESSON FOR JANIE in the Maine Author Collection? We do hope that this charming book will come to join your others, and that it is enjoying a continuing success.

Holiday greetings to you.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Pleasant Point, Maine
December 14, 1958

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Yes, the water sparkles beautifully in this weather - better to enjoy it from the warm side of a window.

I have had the Maine Author Collection in mind, but at the moment I have no spare books on hand - they seem to disappear into the hands of young visitors - but I shall attend to it as soon as the Christmas rush is over. I am going to be away for a few weeks, and when I return home and get settled in for a Maine winter, I'll do something about the book. I'm glad you like having them.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

[Signature]
November 5, 1959

Mrs. Dorothy Simpson
Pleasant Point
Maine

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

How very nice of you to remember the Maine Author Collection with A MATTER OF PRIDE. Janie has become one of our favorite young friends, and we look forward to her tribulations and eventual solutions with pleasure.

We still don't have A LESSON FOR JANIE. Is it going to be possible for us to include this one, too?

The new book is just as ingratiating as earlier stories about Janie, and we do hope she'll keep on and on and on. Youngsters like her, of course, and we'll have A MATTER OF PRIDE for our bookmobiles and traveling libraries. Good luck to the book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
June 13, 1960

Mrs. Dorothy Simpson
Pleasant Point
Maine

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

Congratulations on the new island book. It is being published at the right time to engage the interest of the tourist tide, and we hope you will bask in a wonderful glow of satisfaction with its success.

May the Maine Author Collection hope for an inscribed copy? And do you know that our special friend Janie has a vacant space, held for A LESSON FOR JANIE, which we never had. Is there a happy chance that this might come to the collection, too?

Good luck to the new one, and we hope you can anticipate a leisurely vacation for the next few months.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Dear Mrs. Jacob:

The Maine Islands is on its way to you now, but I'm sorry I don't have a copy of A Lesson for Janie on hand. I shall try to remember it the next time I am handy to the bookstore in Rockland. When you're living on an island, many things don't get done when they should get done, and sometimes are unavoidably forgotten for a time.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Simpson
June 21, 1960

Mrs. Dorothy Simpson  
Pleasant Point  
Maine

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

Thank you so much for THE MAINE ISLANDS for 
the Maine Author Collection. It is the kind of 
book that will have a steady popularity through 
the years, and we are delighted to have it 
available, especially with summer visitors coming 
on. Our library copies will be busy, we know.

Thank you, too, for having A LESSON FOR JANIE 
in mind. We shall continue to anticipate its 
arrival.

Sincerely yours

hmj  
In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
September 22, 1961

Mrs. Dorothy Simpson
Pleasant Point
Maine

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

Thank you for making it possible for us to anticipate another wonderful book for youngsters, NEW HORIZONS. It will be ordered, of course, and we know that Janie's further adventures will win her new friends and delight the old.

May the Maine Author Collection look forward to having an inscribed copy? And do you know that we still don't have A LESSON FOR JANIE? We feel quite incomplete!

Good luck to the new one.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Pleasant Point, Maine
October 9, 1961

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I have ordered a copy of LESSON FOR JANIE, and when it comes I'll sign that and a copy of NEW HORIZONS and send them along to the Maine Author Collection.

Thank you for your good wishes for the new book.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Simpson
October 26, 1961

Mrs. Dorothy Simpson
Pleasant Point
Maine

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

Thank you, thank you! Janie develops, but doesn't change fundamentally, does she? Don't let her grow up too soon -- she's such fun this way.

We are very grateful for A LESSON FOR JANIE and the NEW HORIZONS. She is one of our favorite characters, and we love to see a new Janie book. These are added to the Maine Author Collection with appreciation of your generosity and your skill and understanding as shown in the pages of your books.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection