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Joy Wheeler Dow Correspondence

Joy Wheeler Dow 1860-1937

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DOW, JOY WHEELER.

Born in Greenwich Village, New York City, January 18, 1860.
Died February 18, 1937.
Kennebunkport, Me.

September 11, 1932

Miss Marion Cobb Fuller
Augusta, Me.

Dear Miss Fuller:

Complying with your request, I am writing you some data about myself. Please insert the revised Golden Rule with the rest of it, as it is the thing I think the most worth while I have accomplished.

Joy Wheeler Dow


"Do unto others not as you would have others do unto you; but as others would have you do unto them; and do not decide what is best for others unless they be unfit to decide for themselves"

Hoping this is what you desire, I am

Sincerely,

[Signature]

 Contributor to many magazines, N'Y. Times etc.

Inclosures.
June 15th 1932

Marion Cobb Fuller,
Augusta, Me.

Dear Miss Fuller:

No, I am not a native of Maine. I have lived here for ten years winter and summer; but I was born in the section of New York City known as Greenwich Village.

In compiling a "Who's Who", I should think a little elasticity might be used, so as to get more names, and therefore, more usefulness. This has been my home for so long, now, that I feel I would not belong in any other "Who's Who" and therefore would miss all classification which would be a hardship.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

( Joy Wheeler Dow )
February 5, 1935

Miss Joy Dow
Kennebunkport
Maine

Dear Miss Dow:

We have been unable to locate the necessary information about you and your recent book, HER BOY FRIEND, which we wish for our Maine Author files.

We understand that although you were born in New York City, you have lived in Maine for thirteen years. We are anxious to include you in our Maine Author collection, which numbers several hundred volumes, all inscribed, and many of them presented to us by the authors.

We shall be glad to hear from you, as we would like very much to be able to add HER BOY FRIEND to our collection.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

Ira Secretary
February 7, 1935

Miss Joy Dow
Kennebunkport
Maine

Dear Miss Dow:

HER BOY FRIEND, so graciously inscribed by you, has arrived, and we wish to express our sincere thanks for your gift to the Maine Author Collection.

The story is written with a great deal of sympathy and understanding, and is very delightful. We are indeed glad to be able to add HER BOY FRIEND to our collection.

We are also anticipating the day when you will have a moment of leisure in which to write for our biographical files a sketch of your life. We would greatly appreciate this kindness.

May we extend to you a cordial welcome at the library; and also wish you success in the literary field for the future.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Born in New York City.
Resident of Kennebunkport, Me., since 1922.
No high spots in life worth noting.
This novel is the crowning effort: ---

"HER BOY FRIEND"

It has taken ten years to write it, which exceeds the record set by William Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" which took seven years to write.

The book reads itself--- i.e., no effort required, the workmanship is so consummate. The sentences fit together like a picture puzzle.

One comprehensive criticism has been----
"It bucks the 'system'"---another: ---"It is a thorough-going bill of particulars to indict modern civilization."

But in spite of this, it is a happy story.
Some music is playing most of the time---
while it glories Kennebunkport as a place of residence.
Kennebunkport, Me.
July 9, 1935

Will the Librarian kindly paste the inclosed informative slip inside the front cover of my novelet—

"HER BOY FRIEND"

a copy of which I donated to the Library some while ago?

And very much oblige

Sincerely,

JOY DOW
July 11, 1935

Mr. Joy Dow
Kennebunkport
Maine

Dear Mr. Dow:

We are very glad to insert the slip of information into your novelet, HER BOY FRIEND. The excerpts are most interesting, and as we can vouch, quite merited. How pleasant and altogether satisfactory, to have published such an unusual book, and to have it appreciated by the critics.

We hope HER BOY FRIEND is not to be your last book. We have been anticipating the next volume, which, judging by your past work, should be extremely successful.

Very truly yours,

Maine State Library

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Secretary