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Ms. Eden Lipson  
New York Times Book Review  
229 W. 43rd Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Eden:

It was such a pleasure to meet you at the recent BABRA Awards ceremony in San Francisco.

I was delighted to be able to thank you personally for the wonderful review in the Times. I'm still basking in the glow of it!

It was good to talk to you about my niece, and I appreciated so much your candor. I knew she had problems, but our conversation helped me understand that rejection of her family and denial of her heritage are part of a complex and troubled psyche. It's all quite sad, isn't it?

I was also delighted with your interest in my forthcoming adult novel, PICTURE BRIDE, and will be sure that a copy is sent to you. I'm hoping for Spring '87 publication.

In the meantime, I thought you might be interested in reading my other venture into adult writing, DESERT EXILE, and am attaching a copy. It tells something about our family and my feelings about being a Japanese American, but focuses primarily on our wartime uprooting. Although it was published in '82 (paperback '84), as far as I know, M. has not read it.

I hope you enjoyed your stay in San Francisco, and do hope our paths will cross again some day.

All the best,



**The New York Times**  
**Book Review**

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Dear Yoshiko Uchida,  
Thank you for sending me  
"Desert Exile" which I will  
read with interest.

I was delighted to meet you  
(and so many other distinguished  
Bay Area writers ) at the BABRA  
awards. I fretted a bit later  
at my candor and sharpness but  
I hope you appreciate the fact  
that they came from concern for  
a young woman of considerable  
talent. Growing up, at whatever  
age we do it, is very difficult.

Perhaps you would consider  
reviewing for us. If I can find  
the right book, I'll call.

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