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A: Miscellany

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November 3, 1969

Dearest Jo:

I've just finished reading "my book" and find it joyful and gay and really enchanting. Much like that loving gentleness filling the kitchen in Sumie's home is the feeling I have on reading it. It can only make many children happy and deserves great success.

I love it myself and feel honored in its dedication to me as a very special friend — because it comes from a very special friend.

Warmest love to you,
dear Josie,

Rikki

Mrs. Eugene Harvey Huffman



✓ pc 1/3/82

Christmas 1981

NAPA VALLEY

Hi, my little genius:

A Jar of Dreams
finally arrived yesterday and I promptly
sat down and read it. It made the day
one of the most rewarding I've had in a
long time. So shone through the story
like a bright light - her philosophy, happy
nature and clear self were all there. Did
you realize that? Well, it is so and I thank
you for sending - ~~wrong word~~ - giving me
a piece of yourself through the story.

I saw in last Sunday's Chron.
that it was on the recommended list of "children's"
books, and well it had better be. It's great -
beautifully, simply written and the story has
a nice flow. Love get an A+.

Yesterday was quite a day!



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I also received your card and its enclosure. Thank you for both, but how could I ever forget your face! Nevertheless, I'm glad to have it.

We have been having fun this season watching the bird migrations. Each year, quite a few come overhead and you can hear the "woosh" of their wings. They fly so low, but this year there must be millions of them. They stop off in the vineyards to rest, eat and sip of the fermenting grapes and from the noise they make they must have quite a party before flying on! The beauty of this valley is one compensation for living here. I shall be sick to leave it, as I must one day. I still miss my friends terribly and



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you in particular.

Yes, you have had a fantastic year and I hope it goes on and on.

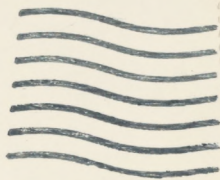
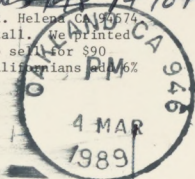
Continue happy and your own true self.

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March 4, 1989

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Oriental Poppy, linocut by Henry Evans, Box 640, St. Helena, CA 94574.
The image measures 9 3/4 inches wide by 16 inches tall. We printed
94 copies on white all-rag paper 13 by 20 inches to sell for \$90
each. Framed and delivered \$175. Californians add 6%
sales tax. Visa and MC orders: (707) 963-2126.



Buffalo Bill Cody



Hello, Yoshiko:

I was so surprised &
pleased to see your photo
with the accompanying
story in Hokuhei Maichichi!
(It comes to an office in the
church where I work.) I made
a xerox of the article & will
show it to my grandchildren
so they can see the honors re-
ceived by the author of their
books! Congratulations!

Virginia K. Anderson

Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Ave
#102
Berkeley 94707



Ethel - re D.K. -
(HBJ)

1685 Solano Ave., #102
Berkeley, Ca. 94707
August 14, 1980

Mrs. Ethel Ambrose
8419 Burns Pl.
Stockton, Ca. 95209

Dear Ethel:

How sweet of you to send me the material from the Pixie Woods Park dedication which I read with much interest. I was delighted to see that one of my folk tales from THE DANCING KETTLE had found its way to a special event in Stockton, which, thanks to you, has become a city of many pleasant associations for me.

And so many thanks too, for the copy of your nice letter to Barbara Lucas. It was good of you to give HBJ a nudge re DANCING KETTLE, and I do appreciate your concern for it.

You'll be interested to know that Gregg Press (G.K. Hall) wants to reissue JOURNEY TO TOPAZ in '81, and Bantam has also asked to look at it. Isn't that exciting? So maybe there is hope that someday D.K. will come back to life too.

I've just switched to a new agent who (confidentially), has thus far caused me no end of stress. An illness, plus new help caused her to be silent for two months!! I'm hoping she'll work out the above reprint agreements satisfactorily and with greater speed than she did my latest manuscript.

At any rate, the good news is that I've just signed a contract with Mgt McElderry for my new book, A JAR OF DREAMS. I hope we can get it out by next year!

I'm glad you had a trip to Kentucky. I'm hoping to get to Conn. this October, and then will be speaking at the CRA Conf. in Sacramento in November. Will you be there?

If not, don't forget I'd be happy to see you and Fred anytime you're in Berkeley.

This looks and sounds like a business letter, but I decided to send it to your home since it might not get to you until Saturday.

Affectionately,

Warm greetings to Fred.



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August 6, 1980

Ms. Yoskiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue - #102
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Yoshi:

I was fascinated to stumble on the attached material at
Pixie Woods, our local children's park. My letter to
Barbara Lucas at HBJ is attached.

Love,

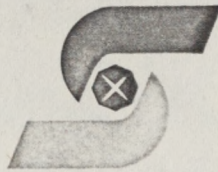
(Mrs.) Ethel N. Ambrose
Coordinator of Children's
Services

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Have just been back two weeks
after ALA in New York followed
by vacation in Kentucky. Things are
very precarious here. Do hope you
are feeling better.
Stockton... Someplace Special!

(Over -
for reply)



CITY OF STOCKTON

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August 6, 1980

Ms. Barbara Lucas
Editor, Children's Books
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.
757 Third Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Barbara:

Thank you for the elegant brunch during ALA. It was good to touch base however hurriedly.

Kentucky was as hot and as humid as New York but the change of pace was good. I've been back in California for two weeks struggling with "catching up". One never does, of course.

I'm enclosing materials picked up at a dedication ceremony at Pixie Woods, a local children's park. Our grand finale for summer reading program is held there each year with storytelling in their Toadstool Theatre. Upon inquiring I discovered they had found their story in Yoshiko Uchida's book which we have in the historical collection. What a shame that this is OP! The park director said they would liked to have had copies for sale. Yes, I'm lobbying, Barbara. Do you think there is any hope HBJ might reissue this?

Fred came home a week ago and the garden, which just sat limply and looked at me accusingly, is perking up for him. His tomatoes are delicious.

Again many thanks for your lovely brunch.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ethel N. Ambrose
Coordinator of Children's Services

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blind copy to YU

'Stockton... Someplace Special!'

9-8-80

Ethel Ambrose called 9/7 + 9/8 -

① - Barbara Lucas (HBT) - had staff
take a look at Dancing Kettle.
They may try to reissue in
paper back. (mailed 3th.)
calling it to her att'n.

→ I should write ^{Barbara Lucas} her re poss'y
in a month or two - exp of
J to T in J. back.

② - she wrote Kenokuxiya.
Jpn Bk Center - 1581 Webster St.
To put my bks on their
bibliography.

③ - Ethel no longer in charge of Cool selection
in Ch. Services. (what is her title now?)
She was moved from her office to
Adminis. (Technology? - writing for
grants etc...) speaking 1 wk in
Sacto prior to CRA. She was very
upset about this - threat of ch. pls?

423 G St. SW
Washington, DC 20024
USA
May 1, 1985

Uchida, Yoshiko
1685 Solano Ave, # 102
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear M. Ychida:

In a reference book tentatively titled "A Guide to Historical Fiction for Children and Young People," I am including biographical information and bibliographies of authors honored for their historical fiction. In order to have similar types of information on each author but at the same time to have specific individual information, I have enclosed a questionnaire to which your response will help me very much.

In order to minimize the time you have to spend on the questions, I have already listed books and facts that you would probably want to include. Please, however, feel free to correct any misinformation that might appear.

Thank you not only for your contribution to the genre of historical fiction, but also for your contribution to this reference book.

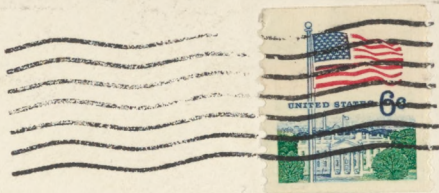
Most sincerely,

Lynda G. Adamson

Lynda G. Adamson, PhD
Professor of English

5/20/85
sent:

1. Objectives as writer
2. CA flyer
3. Pub Wks List (r Honors)
- + addendum.



Miss Yoshiko Uchida
645- 62nd St.,
Oakland,
Calif. 94609

Barnett
- spray
- wash
- wind

1233 Perfection St.,
San Luis Obispo, Calif.
93401

Misaki
Aki

June 18



Dear G:-

I'm grateful that my Dad is living with us as I can read the English section of the Nicki Bee. Just today I saw a picture of you and a fine article on a new book you are writing. How wonderful it will be for youngsters. Through the Bycamore weekly we knew that your Dad's condition had worsened - that he is confined to bed rest. Please forgive me for not writing. Reading about you compelled me to sit now. We do hope that your father is well in spite of his inability to move about. Please give him our best regards. We are planning to go to the Northwest this summer and we shall call you on the phone when we are in town and if his condition permits we would love to see him and say hello. I know that visitors can be tiring to patients.

My mother passed away recently and for the first time
in 29 years all six of us were together. In laughter and in tears
we had a joyous reunion - we lived the past all over again
with many memories. It was good to see everyone. My Dad is
still well but naturally looser.

We wish all sorts of good things for you as you progress
on your new book. We will look forward to its publica-
tion. It will be a treat for our 12 year old Jimmy to
read. Like a good many boys, he is not an avid reader.
We mustn't complain as he practices on his violin quite
diligently and causes us no trouble. We've been fortunate
indeed.

We're hoping your health is good. Our best to you.

P.S. Is your phone # listed?

Love, Misaki

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August 10, 1979

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue #102
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Dear Ms. Uchida:

Thank you for your letter of August 9th, which I received today, August 10th (excellent mail service).

I haven't any information on levels 21-22, other than our editor stated that you may have content in either 21 or 22.

The information you sent will be most helpful. The fact that you taught does help.

Please contact me direct anytime you feel I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Bob Hill
Western Division
Sales Manager

BH/lg

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c/o Kansai Seminar House
23 Takenouchi-cho, Ichijoji
Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606, Japan

Ms Y. Uchida
1685 Solano Ave. #102
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U.S.A.

January 28, 1988

Yoshi.

Thank you for sending me the list of your publication. It is an impressive list. You have made certainly the significant contribution to make the bridge of cultural understanding between U.S.A. and Japan.

I checked the first volume of Doshisha Saijiki and found the description of your father, in the page 60 which is the day of April 12 which is the birth day of Dad. The editor quoted from a biographical article I have once written in Doshisha Jiho. I will be glad to send a copy of the book to Mr. Kakutani. You do not need to worry about the cost since I happened to have an extra copy here. More than happy to spare it.

I do hope your health is better this year. As you instructed us when we visited you last time continuous exercise will be some help. I am doing constantly the exercise, namely to play tennis once a week.

This goes with the best of my wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Masao

Masao Takenaka

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