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School Division

May 5, 1983

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
c/o Ms. Ellen Levine
Curtis Brown Ltd.
575 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Ms. Uchida:

As a writer for young people, you may be interested in a project on which we are now at work.

We are preparing to publish a new edition of the Houghton Mifflin Reading Series, and we are currently seeking materials for intermediate and junior high levels.

In our new basal reading anthologies, we want to present the same wide variety of selections that we have always included in our basal readers, such as realistic and fanciful stories, humorous and historical stories, mysteries, science fiction, sports, biographies, and informational articles in science, social studies, and the arts. We are particularly interested in light, contemporary stories in which members of various ethnic groups are presented. The important factor is that the material be of high interest to young people in the respective grade groups (4-6 and 7-8) and be fun to read.

Selections in our intermediate and junior high readers are usually ten to fifteen pages long, including illustrations. Manuscripts of approximately 3,000 to 4,000 words are therefore appropriate.

The deadline for manuscripts will be July 15, 1983.

Shortly thereafter, we will review the manuscripts submitted, and for each one that we accept we will pay an outright fee of \$1,000 for exclusive use of the material. We will edit any manuscript we accept, reserving the right to make necessary adjustments. We will submit the edited manuscript to you for your information. Unused manuscripts will be returned. We cannot pay for any submitted work that is not chosen for the series.

? what does mean by exclusive use?

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If this project appeals to you and you are interested in submitting one or more manuscripts, please let us know as soon as possible, preferably by May 16. You may write, or call us at either (617) 725-5390 or 725-5397, and we will be pleased to give you any other information or clarification you may need. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Irene Faunce

Doris Schermerhorn

Irene Faunce

Doris Schermerhorn

Content Research Editors

Reading Department

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Irene Fawcett or
Doris Behrmerhorn
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- ~~Interacted~~ ^{Don't} is an anthology -
- would you be int'd in an orig'l short story that has appeared once in an Addison-Wesley Reader? ¹⁹⁸¹ ~~Don't~~ ^{I own} Copyright ~~of it~~ has reverted to me.
"Uncle Kandi's Black Cat"
~ a J.A. child - ^{no spa-time} timeless
^{for remembrance & comfort} (9 pp)
- 1 Original - sort of a remembrance piece - child remembering a summer visit to her grandmother.
"A Million Stars" (11 pp)
- \$1000 for exclusive rights? But
- Will copyright be reverted to me after the Bk is published?
- ^{rights for your anthology only. I ✓}
~~1st serial rights only~~ ^{? all elsewhere after the 1st printing?}
- I have other short stories that appeared - other anthologies - but not contemporary -
- Also I'd be int'd in excerpting part of A Jar of Dreams - re young J.A. child's depression.
- sequel due in fall.

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POST OFFICE BOX 44000

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94144

*to sender
Curtis Brown*

Yoshi Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue #102
Berkeley, Ca 94707



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1 Beacon St.

Y. UCHIDA
1685 SOLANO AVE. #102
BERKELEY, CALIF. 94707

Content Research
Reading Dept.

(415) 524-1152

May 23, 1983

Dear Doris Lehmerhorn —

So nice talking to you this
a.m.! I forgot to tell you that
I am no longer represented by
Curtis Brown. Please contact me
at the above address.

Enclosed is a list of my pub.
works. Please see p. 2 for the short
stories I mentioned — Hastily —

Yue:

Yoshiko Uchida

1685 Solano Ave., #102
Berkeley, Ca. 94707
June 9, 1983

Doris Schermerhorn
Reading Dept.
Houghton Mifflin Co.
1 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Doris:

I meant to get the enclosed short stories to you shortly after I sent you my list of published works, but life was just too hectic for a while.

These are the two stories I mentioned when I spoke to you: "A Zillion Stars" is a new story that has not been published before. "Uncle Kanda's Black Cat" was published in Addison-Wesley's anthology, THE ABRACADATLAS, in 1981.

Please return them if you cannot use them. Incidentally, are you interested in poetry? I have some haiku (unpublished) that might be suitable for your needs. Let me know if you'd like to see them.

I put your name on my review copies list for my new book, THE BEST BAD THING, (sequel to A JAR OF DREAMS) which will be published on September 9th. Perhaps you might want to excerpt something from either of these books.

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Encl: 2 *Uncle Kanda*
A Zillion Stars

Yoshiko Uchida

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School Division

June 17, 1983

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Yoshiko Uchida:

It was nice to speak with you on the phone a short while ago. Thank you very much for sending the two stories "A Zillion Stars" and "Uncle Kanda's Cats," as well as your list of published works.

Copy Ret'd 6/24/83

We would like to consider the first story and have it evaluated by a team of editors sometime after the July deadline for manuscript submission. The cat story I'm returning to you herewith, with our thanks for letting us read it. In the Reading Department we make every effort to avoid duplicating material that appears in any other reading textbook.

→ On your list of published works, we were intrigued by the collection "Tabi: Journey through Time," and we wondered if you could send us a copy of that. We'd also be delighted to receive a copy of THE BEST BAD THING, preferably before the publication date, if advance copies or folded-and-gathered sheets are available from Atheneum.

→ As to haiku, I don't want to seem greedy, but we are also interested in poetry and would like to read whatever you can send us. Each poem will be evaluated separately, of course.

Thank you for your generous response to our request. I look forward to receiving more of your material, and if any of them are chosen for the reading program, we are willing to discuss nonexclusive rights to our use of them.

Sincerely,

Doris

Doris Schermerhorn
Senior Content Research Editor
School Reading Department

DS:lb

1685 Solano Ave., #102
Berkeley, Ca. 94707
July 1, 1983

Ms. Doris Schermerhorn
School Reading Dept.
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1 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Doris:

Thank you for your letter of June 17. I'm enclosing today 15 of my haiku which I understand you will evaluate separately.

I've also put your name on my list for a review copy of THE BEST BAD THING. Since it's set for a Sept. 9 publication, I hope you'll get it sometime in August. If you need it sooner, perhaps it would be best to contact Margaret McElderry's office at Atheneum/McElderry Books and let them know of your needs.

About TABI - I'm afraid we're out of copies, but actually, I doubt if you would have wanted any of the stories. This is a collection of twelve very brief short stories, seven based on Japanese American history and the others on the Bible, which I wrote for use in church schools. It also contains many activity pages.

I think this covers everything for now. I'll look forward to hearing from you when you have made your selections and would appreciate the return of any of my material which you don't use.

All the best,

Encl: Copy of
15 haiku.

Yoshiko Uchida

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July 5, 1983

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue
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Dear Yoshiko:

Your 15 haiku arrived here today for us to consider for the basal reading program. I am charmed by them. Thank you for sending them so promptly.

It will be quite some time in our program development, perhaps several months, before decisions about poetry selections are finalized. Just as soon as I know any results, I'll forward the word to you.

We are still interested in seeing TABI, should you run across a copy that might be duplicated for us to see. Thanks again for your submissions.

Sincerely,

Doris

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in write back re copyright

October 17, 1983

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Yoshiko Uchida:

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that we would like to use "A Zillion Stars" in our forthcoming reading program.

Enclosed are two copies of our agreement form. Please sign and return the original copy to me in the enclosed envelope, keeping the other copy for your records.

After I receive your signed agreement, I'll be handing over the manuscript to the editor of the book in which the story will appear, who will carry on with future pertinent correspondence.

We very much enjoyed The Best Bad Thing. Unfortunately for us, the book doesn't lend itself to excerpting for our basal readers. However, we'll be happy to include it in one of our bibliographies of recommended children's books.

We still haven't begun to consider the poetry to be used in the program. We will let you know the decision about your haiku as soon as we can.

Thank you so much for your excellent contribution, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Doris Schermerhorn

Doris Schermerhorn
Content Research Editor
Reading Department

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Doris call 11/7/83 -

11/7/83

c from Doris Scherneckorn.

- I apply for copyright in my name. Let — know © date. (at least in 4 months)
- Edith will write re any changes
- How acknowledge?

X ① - on 1st p. & story at bottom p.

Copyright by Y
Reprinted by permission

② enter - acknowledge at front & Bk

~~✓ She'll send me 2 copyright forms.~~

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choose haiku. Maybe next yr.

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first & rec'd 2 copies & Copyright form. Y.

*Mr. Ellis Vance, President
and the
Executive Board of the
California Reading Association
request the pleasure of your company at the*

President's Reception

*given to honor speakers, exhibitors, and
special guests of CRA*

*Thursday, the third of November
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Terrace Room
Mansion Inn*

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School Division

November 15, 1983

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Yoshiko:

Your signed agreement has arrived here, and I thank you for sending it so promptly.

Enclosed are two copies of the copyright application form, including the instructions for filing.

I've handed over your manuscript for "A Zillion Stars" to the editor of the book in which the story will appear, who will carry on with future correspondence. You will want to let her know exactly how the acknowledgment should read, and I've passed along your suggestion that credit should be given on the first page of the selection.

Before much longer we'll be looking at poetry and making choices. As soon as there is any decision about your haiku, I'll be in touch with you.

Warmest best wishes,

Doris

Doris Schermerhorn
Content Research Editor
School Reading Department

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*my copy -
permissions due -
file*

*sent 11/27/83
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"Zillion Stars"
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January 23, 1984

Doris Schermerhorn
Houghton Mifflin Co.
1 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Doris:

Just a quick note to inform you that I have received the copyright for "A Zillion Stars" and the effective date is November 1983.

I haven't yet heard from the editor of the book in which my story will appear, so would appreciate your passing on the above information to her.

You also mentioned in your last letter that I should let her know about the credit. I think it should read as follows: "A Zillion Stars" by Yoshiko Uchida. Copyright 1983 by Yoshiko Uchida. Reprinted by permission of the author.

If all acknowledgments are being listed together at the front of the book, it would be fine to include mine there as well. Whatever suits your format.

I look forward to hearing about my haiku when a decision has been made.

Hope all goes well with you. I was pleased to get permission requests from two other Houghton Mifflin Readers for my writing. Also, you might be interested to know that my recent book THE BEST BAD THING was named a Notable Book.

All the best,

P.S. Please give my greetings to Priscilla.

August 2, 1984

Doris Schermerhorn
Houghton Mifflin
School Reading Dept.
1 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Doris:

It's been a long time since we have been in touch,
and this is just a quick note to ask what you have
decided about using my haiku in your Reader. I'd ap-
preciate knowing one way or the other.

I've had no communication from the book's editor, but
wonder if "Th~~e~~ Billion Stars" hasn't been edited by now,
and if it has, whether payment would be due soon.

Hope you're having a good summer, and I look forward
to hearing from you.

All the best,

8/8/84

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School Division

August 9, 1984

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue, No. 102
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Yoshiko:

Thank you for your reminder letter of August 2. You have not been forgotten at all, although we've been bogged down with a zillion things to do all at once. I presume that you've heard from the Grade 5 editor by now regarding your story. I hope the arrangements with her are underway.

As for your haiku, we have all enjoyed immensely reading them and choosing from among them, and just now the final choices in poetry are being decided upon. I'm pleased to be able to tell you that we would like to use one haiku from page one of your manuscript in our eighth grade reading anthology, in a special poetry section. It is the following:

The lilac trees fling
branches of brown lace against
the wide winter sky.

For this three-line haiku we will pay you an outright fee of \$75 for exclusive use of the material. As soon as I hear from you, I'll see that a letter of agreement is drawn up. As I've made a copy of the poem, I'm returning to you herewith your three-page haiku manuscript. Thank you very much for sending it for our consideration.

This summer California seems like an extremely exciting and busy place to be. Hope you're enjoying it all. Would that I had more free time to follow the Olympics! It may be a bit too hot and humid here, but warm weather is never really hard to take.

With all best wishes,

Doris

Doris Schermerhorn
Content Research Editor
Reading Department

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enclosure: Haiku manuscript

August 16, 1984

Ms. Doris Schermerhorn
Houghton Mifflin Co.
1 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Doris:

Thank you for contacting Anne Cullen re "A Zillion Stars."
She called me immediately and I now have an edited copy of
my story, so everything should be taken care of shortly.

I'm delighted to know you will use the haiku mentioned in
your letter of August 9 in your 8th grade anthology. Since
it is one of a collection, however, I hope we can make the
same arrangements as were made for my story: ~~e.e.~~ I would
grant non-exclusive first publication rights in the English
language throughout the world.

The \$75. fee is acceptable, and I would like to request its
payment upon signing of our agreement and a complimentary
copy of the Reader on publication.

I just realized that we now have the matter of the copyright
to consider. I recall in the case of my story you preferred
that I obtain the copyright, rather than having Houghton
Mifflin secure it and assign it to me after publication. If
that is the case here, I'd better make application immedi-
ately, and wonder if I might impose on you to send me some
copies of Form TX to save time.* In any case, I'd like to
have the copyright in my name.

Yes, we've had a lot of excitement out here this summer,
but I'm glad to have it over now and am ready for a little
peace and quiet! Hope you're having a good summer.

All the best,

* I think it would be better for me to obtain the
copyright, as I would do so for the entire collection.
I'd agree. (former) if not too much trouble.

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August 30, 1984

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Yoshiko Uchida:

This letter of agreement confirms our mutual understanding whereby you assign and grant to Houghton Mifflin Company a non-exclusive license for the first publication rights to your material "The Lilac Trees" haiku for inclusion in the Houghton Mifflin Reading Program, scheduled for publication in 1986 (the "Work").

This agreement is made with the understanding that the material you prepare will not infringe on any copyright or personal or proprietary rights of others.

We will pay you a fee of \$75 on our acceptance of the material as satisfactory in form and content. The material shall be considered acceptable when in our opinion it is satisfactory for publication without further editing or revision.

We will give you the customary credit for the material in the Work and we shall have the right to use your name, likeness, and pertinent biographical data in the advertising and promotion of the Work. The copyright to the Work will be registered in Houghton Mifflin's name.

You agree that you will not permit others to publish your material until after the first publication of our Work. (1986?)

We shall have the right to use the material in the Work until the cumulative content change in subsequent revisions of the Work comes to more than 25% of the original edition.

It is agreed that this license includes the right to use the material in the accompanying Teacher's Guide which will be provided free of charge to teachers who are using the student's edition of the Work with their classes.

We shall have the right to sublicense, without charge, publication or transcription in Braille, large-type editions, or recordings for the blind or other special editions for the use of the physically handicapped by approved non-profit organizations, when such editions are neither sold nor rented for a fee.

*Lilac
haiku*

*"Lilac Tree"
Haiku*

*\$75.00 due
Pub date:
1986*

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will show here*

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
August 30, 1984
page 2

The rights granted herein apply solely to publication in the English language throughout the world.

If this letter satisfactorily confirms your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return one copy in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

Yoshiko Uchida
accepted:
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soc. sec. #

John T. Ridley
John T. Ridley
Vice President and
Editorial Director
School Reading Department

JTR:lb

Please send me a Comp. copy
of the book on publication.
you.

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School Division

September 5, 1984

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Yoshiko:

Enclosed are two copies of the letter of agreement in the same form that was used for your story "A Zillion Stars." You may be interested to know that relative to the second sentence of paragraph three, there will be no changes at all, as you would expect. The sentence is a technical formality as part of the agreement form.

Please sign and return the original copy of the agreement to me in the enclosed envelope whenever it's convenient for you. I'll see that your payment check is processed as soon as I receive the signed agreement.

I'm also enclosing two copies of Form TX for your copyright application. I'm glad the company had them on hand to send to you.

I've been seeing excellent notices about The Best Bad Thing. You must be happy with its success. Very soon we'll be putting together brief biographies of the authors of selections in our readers. We have lots of fine information about your background, but if there is a soon-to-be-published book in your near future, we'd love to know about it -- if you can tell us.

Warmest best wishes,

Doris

Doris Schermerhorn
Content Research Editor
School Reading Department

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Sept. 16, 1984

(475
due)

Dear Doris:

Thank you so much for obtaining the TX forms for me. I knew it would take months if I tried to get them from Wash. D. C.!

Enclosed is a signed copy of our agreement.

I trust the copyright in my name, dated 1984, will appear in the credits.

I do have a manuscript at my publisher's now, and will try to remember to let you know when everything is firm.

All the best,

Yoshiko Uchida

P.C.
12/14/84

- Doris -

It may be too late to be useful,
but I ~~just~~ recalled I promised to let you
know about my next book: The Happiest
Ending (3rd in my trilogy about Quaker)
(pub by Ath/Mystic Bks) in Fall '85.
I & T. S. G. H. & Pub by Creative Arts Bks
Feb '85. Happy Holidays! 94.

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John T. Ridley
Vice President
School Reading Department

25 October 1984

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Soland Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94907

Dear Ms. Uchida:

There is enclosed Houghton Mifflin Co. Check No. 5587, dated
October 24, in the amount of \$75.00 representing payment for
"The Lilac Trees" haiku for inclusion in the 1986 Houghton Mifflin
Reading Program.

Your contribution to our program is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Ann Doron

Betty Ann Doron,
Administrative Secretary
School Reading Department

BD
Enc.

October 28, 1985

Ms. Doris Schermerhorn
Houghton Mifflin
School Reading Dept.
1 Beacon St.]
Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Doris:

I know you are probably not the person to whom I should be sending this inquiry, but it gives me a chance to say hello and to let you know that if you ever have need for more poems, I have been writing a number of them lately. (They are not haiku nor Asian in theme.)

I just received a letter from a child in Hawaii telling me that she enjoyed reading my story, "A Zillion Stars." Since the Houghton Mifflin Reader can be its only source, I was surprised to know that it was already published. I thought it was due in '86.

At any rate, I requested a complimentary copy on publication when I signed the letter of agreement, and would appreciate your contacting the appropriate person so I can receive a copy as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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School Division

November 12, 1985

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue, No. 102
Berkeley, California 94707

Dear Yoshiko:

Thank you for your very informative letter of October 28. I'm delighted to hear that a child has already read your story "A Zillion Stars" and has written to you about it. This fall we have been placing portions of our Reading Program in schools as they become available, even though the whole program will not be officially available until January 1986. That is when copies of the books are scheduled to be sent to copyright holders. Some levels of the readers are in very limited supply, but we'll try to get a copy of EXPLORATIONS, in which "A Zillion Stars" and "The Wise Old Woman" appear, and have it sent to you before January, if possible.

I recently received from your publisher a copy of THE HAPPIEST ENDING, which will be another splendid reading experience for young people. My congratulations for a fine book!

I'll keep a note in my file about your willingness to share your new poems with us. Thank you for letting me know about them. It shouldn't be too much longer till you'll be seeing your five selections -- two picture books, a story, a folktale, and a haiku -- in the four different readers in which they appear. We are fortunate to have you on our team. Best wishes!

Sincerely,

Doris Schermerhorn

Doris Schermerhorn
Content Research Editor,
School Reading Department

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= mostly insured - { "Uncle Kandas Belk Cat" -
yes } sent
"A Little Stars"

Exclusive use -

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exclusive rights
- non-exclusive is single time use.

^{usually} Rights are not reverted - But would consider this

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- send list of short stories. ✓ sent 5/23/83

Review of ^{copy} BBT.

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Sept 1, 1983

PROFILE OF 1983 AWARD WINNERS

Hoang, Bang H. Vietnamese, male, age 18. Arrived in 1981. Galileo HS, San Francisco. GPA 3.68. Interested in becoming a researcher in biological science. Active in extra-curricular activities. Parents still in Vietnam, lives with an aunt. "I want to become a research scientist because I am particularly interested in working in a laboratory environment. I love to do research. To me, it is the most potent way to discover new ideas in science. The products of these innovations will then be used to improve aspects of life in my community."

Luong, Ngoc Linh V. Vietnamese, male, age 19. Arrived in 1982. Center for Independent Study, Concord. GPA 3.72. Interested in electronic engineering. Parents still in Vietnam, lives with a sister. "In short, I want to contribute to the society with all my heart and soul. I want to do my best to serve the benefit of others. I want to glorify the people who have raised me and who have taught me self confidence and self-respect. Then I can get my whole new life to move forward for myself and my family."

Luu, Quelan. Chinese-Vietnamese, female, age 19. Arrived 1980. Merritt College, Oakland. GPA 3.84. Interested in computer science. Parents in Vietnam. Has been self-supporting, lives with a sister. "From my point of view, each worker has a small part somehow in helping society's progress. If I will be a computer operator, it will help the society more because I believe a society progresses according to the invention and progress of the workers."

Moua, Shoua. Laotian (Hmong), female, age 18. Arrived 1979. San Rafael HS. GPA 2.54. Interested in studying data processing. Very active in Hmong community. Eldest of 6 children, age 4 to 18. "I want to attend college for the benefit of my family....I want to learn something of my own cultural background and heritage....I haven't decide what career I plan to be, but whatever it is, I know that it will be something that have to do with working with my people."

Nguyen, Kim-Vinh. Vietnamese, female, age 17. Arrived 1975. Berkeley HS. GPA 3.41. Interested in law. Active in community as day camp leader and peer tutor/counselor. Lives with mother and 3 siblings. "Being both a woman and a racial minority, I have seen and felt the kind of discrimination that has prevented women and peoples of color from pursuing higher education and achieving their aspirations. That experience is a major factor in my decision to further my education."

Phan, Huan N. Vietnamese, male, age 16. Blackford HS, San Jose. GPA 3.90. Interested in chemical engineering or medicine (accepted by School of Engineering, UC Berkeley). Active in school athletics, music, scouting. Lives with mother. "In the future I would like to give guidance to the youths of my ethnic community towards their development. Having experienced the bewildering process of maturing under a new culture, I realize the conflicting values facing these youths....I hope to help these young people acquire a positive attitude about themselves and their society. By teaching the youths of my ethnic origin about their rich heritage, I will provide the young generation with a solid foundation upon which self-discovered identities can develop."

Phoummathep, Somphone. Laotian, male, age 24. Arrived 1980. Contra Costa College. GPA 3.67. Interested in business administration. Active in tutoring Laotian students. Oldest of 3 children. "There is nothing left behind after the war. However, the wish to be reborn and the desire to achieve are always in my heart. After finishing school, I will use my knowledge to improve my community's level of education... and improve their ways of living. Seeing, in the near future, the smile of hope and hearing the laughter of success from all of them will be my proud satisfaction."

Soung, Sithary. Cambodian, female, age 17. Arrived 1980. Lincoln HS, San Francisco. GPA 3.70. Interested in business administration. President of Cambodian Club, tutors students. Single parent family, 3 children. "After I get my degree, I would like to get a good job, to earn more money for good life, to help my family, and do some contribution to the poors and a part for country's need, especially my native country that is destroying by the infinite disastrous Civil War."

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School Division

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

May 24, 1991

Dear Ms. Uchida:

We are pleased to be including your novel, The Best Bad Thing, in our 1993 edition of the Houghton Mifflin Literature Experience, Grade 5 anthology.

I'm contacting you at this time about commissioning you to write a letter, addressed to fifth-graders, that would accompany your novel. This letter is important because our goal in printing The Best Bad Thing is not simply to present the novel, but to feature you as an author. In addition to printing The Best Bad Thing, we plan to briefly highlight some of your other works, and give students a sense of why you write as you do, and what you like about being an author. We feel that you are in a far better position to do this than we--hence, the letter.

The letter would begin, "Dear (Houghton Mifflin) Readers," and would go on to introduce yourself, perhaps ending the introduction with something like, "In the following pages, I will tell you about some of my books." The letter would then continue, interspersed with material featuring some of your works. The letter could conclude with an introduction to Rinko and The Best Bad Thing. Approximate length of the letter is 500 words. It would be commissioned on a work-for-hire basis at a negotiable fee of \$500. We would hope to see a draft sometime in the beginning of July.

I hope you are available to tackle this project. Please contact me as soon as you can to let me know. At that time, I can also give you more details about how we will be featuring you in our Grade 5 anthology, and what information might be most helpful to include in the letter.

Sincerely,

Becky Cheston

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But when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, Yoshiko and her family, along with 120,000 West Coast Japanese Americans, suffered the most cruel and unjust rejection of all. Because they looked like the enemy, our government treated them as the enemy. Because our government feared they might be disloyal, they were imprisoned, without trial or hearing, in concentration camps.

Enduring this tragedy, Yoshiko slowly came to acknowledge the invisible thread that linked her to her Japanese heritage -- a legacy that gave her the strength to withstand the deprivations of that dusty, desolate prison camp called Topaz. Yoshiko and her family survived the ordeal with their spirit and courage intact. And it is that quiet strength that enabled Yoshiko to write this moving memoir with such power and has infused her novels with such poignancy and warmth.

The author of thirty books as well as many short stories and articles, Yoshiko Uchida has almost single-handedly created a body of award-winning Japanese American literature for young people. Among her works are JOURNEY TO TOPAZ (ALA Notable Book) and JOURNEY HOME, and her engaging Rinko Trilogy: JAR OF DREAMS (CA. Commonwealth Club Medal), BEST BAD THING (ALA Notable Book) and THE HAPPIEST ENDING (Bay Area Book Reviewers Award).

Through her books, Yoshiko Uchida continues to celebrate her ethnic pride, but feels it equally important to celebrate our common humanity as well. She lives in Berkeley, California, a few miles from where she lived as a child.

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June 21, 1991

Dear Madeline -

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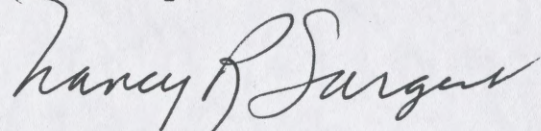
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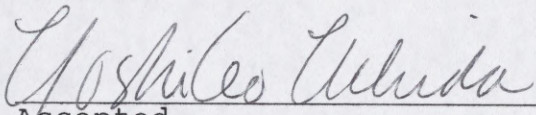
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A similar thought occurred to me when I wrote my first book, THE DANCING KETTLE - a collection of Japanese folk tales. It ^{seemed a} was wonderful to ^{idea} think that children in America ^{with Japan} would be enjoying ^{family} the same stories as the children of Japan. ^{at the same time} This was ^{And if they could} the kind of ^{share stories - wonder if they one day share ideas as well?} sharing, I hoped, that would eventually lead to a sharing of ideas. At least, I certainly hoped so.

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HIS FRIENDS

A SHORT STORY FOR
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^{And} and Rinko, at last, ^{finds} finds her true self.

^{2 more} This was not the story of my own family, but Rinko and her family became so real to me ^{much a part of me} that they would not leave and demanded to come to life again. So their story continued in THE BEST BAD THING and THE HAPPIEST ENDING, and ^{Even today} still I hear Rinko's voice inside my head, ^{and I hope she appears again someday} telling me there is more that she wants to do. ^{it may well be so} ^{in shift & life}

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Pull Leiko on her skates
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a walk because he pulls
me and runs so fast.

Mar. 12, 1932.

Brownie is awfully sick he's been
sick for a long time. We were
going to put him to sleep but Mrs.
Horspinner is taking care of him
and is doing Christian Science.

Mar. 16, 1932.

Poor little Brownie he died today
he had so much fits. He was almost
ten months old.



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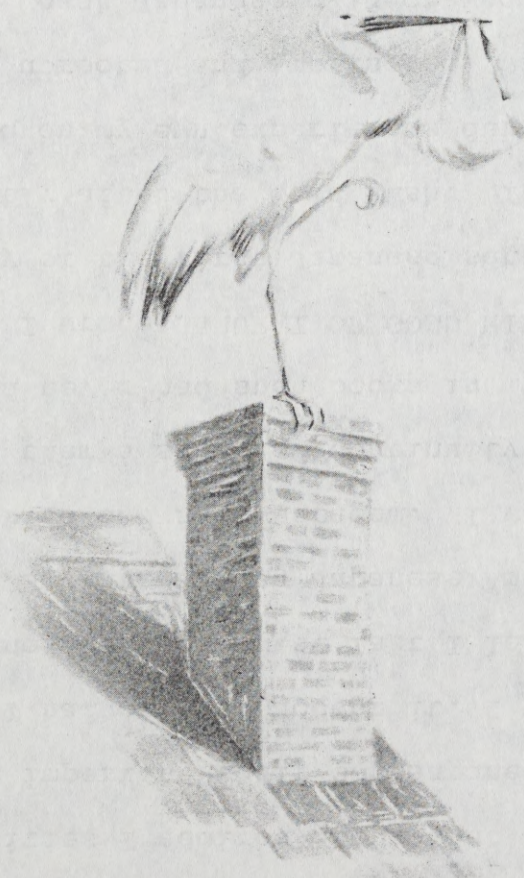
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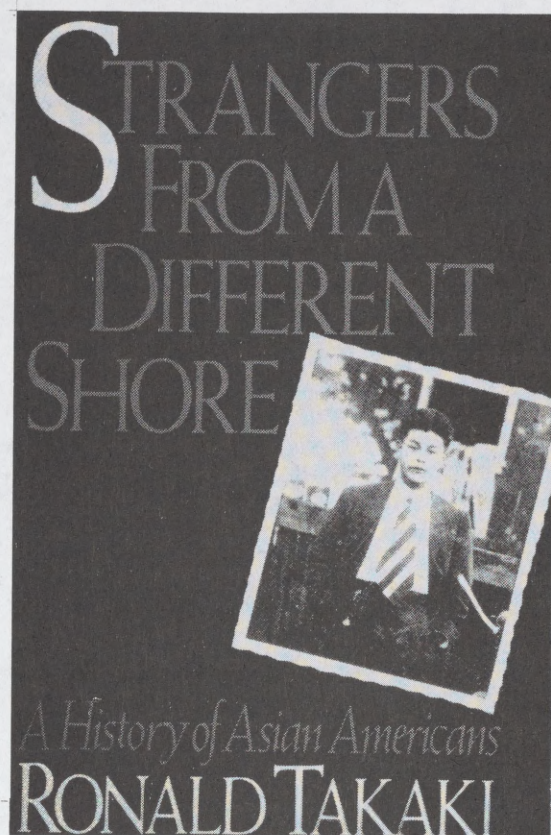
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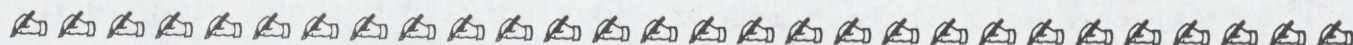
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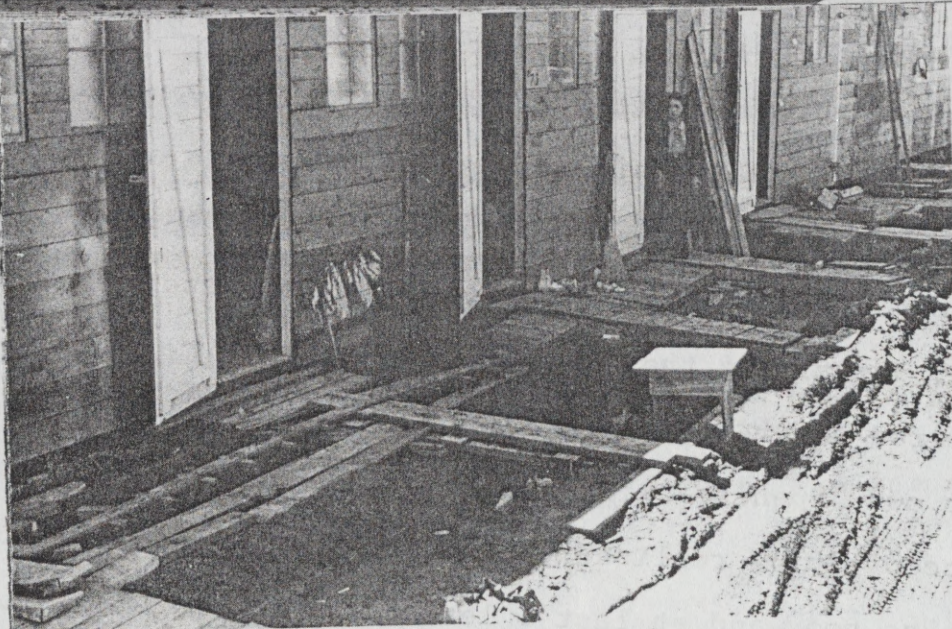
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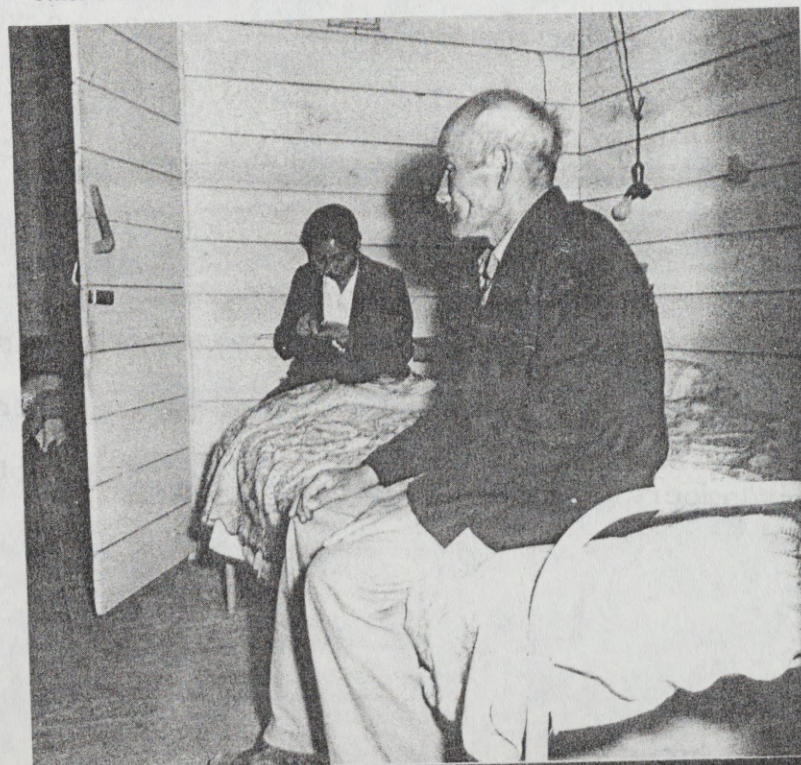
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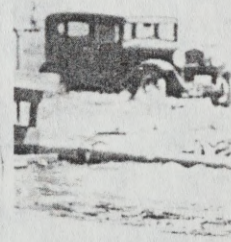
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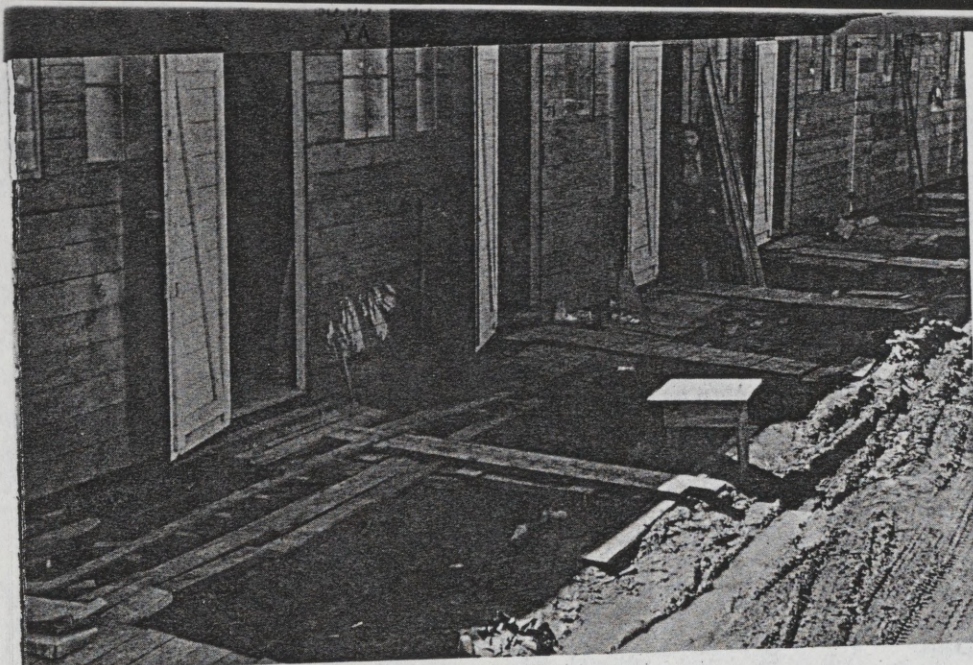
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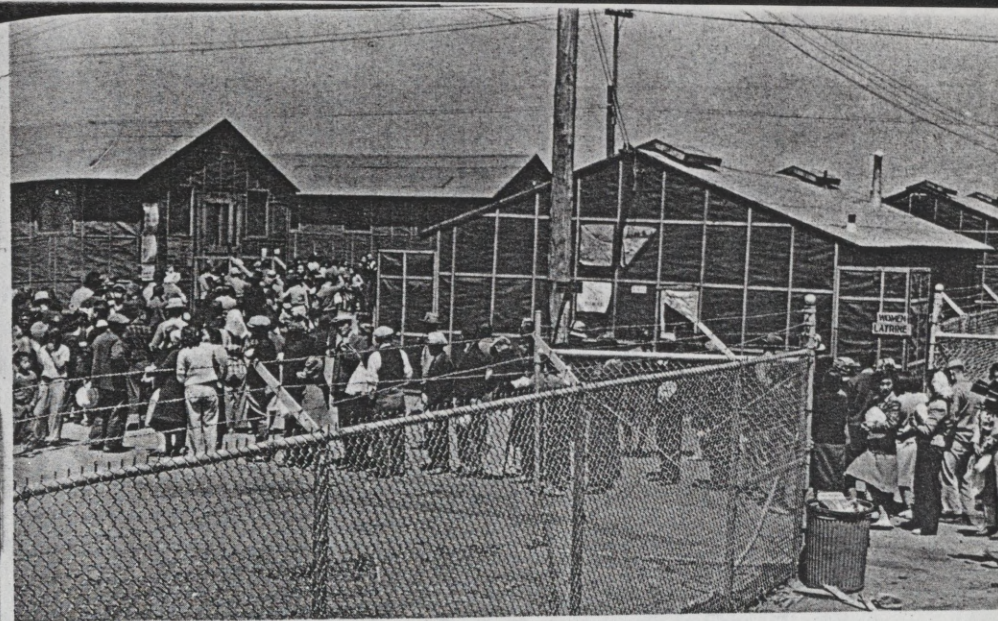
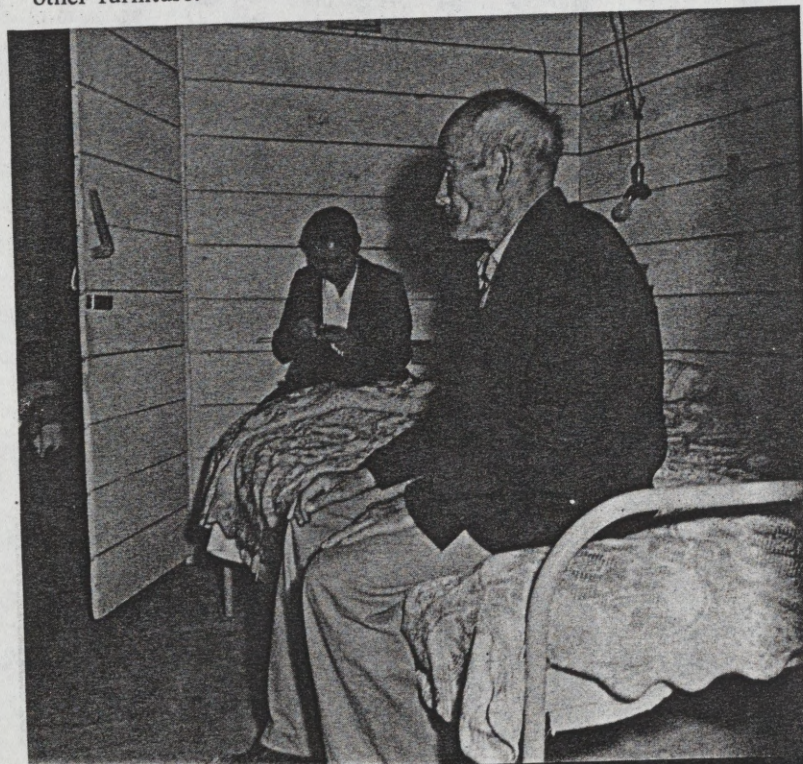
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Guides:

American National Government
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July 5, 1991

Becky Cheston
Reading Dept.
Houghton Mifflin Co.
1 Beacon St.
Boston, MA. 02108

Dear Becky:

I am enclosing, herewith, my introductory letter for your 5th grade anthology and hope it is what you had in mind. I've indicated in the margins the two places where I think the excerpts might be inserted.

At #1, I think an excerpt from THE MAGIC LISTENING CAP would be nice. And at #2, I believe you mentioned using an excerpt from JOURNEY TO TOPAZ and, if there is space, one from SAMURAI OF GOLD HILL as well.

Also, if you are listing some of my other titles, I'd like very much to have you include my forthcoming autobiography: THE INVISIBLE THREAD, which is part of the Julian Messner/Silver Burdett Press Series In My Own Words and will be published in September of this year. It will tell your readers much more about me and about my childhood.

Please feel free to call me to discuss changes or deletions you might want to make in my letter. I know it's longer than 500 words.

All the best,

Encl: Letter
Invoice

INVOICE

July 5, 1991

TO: Houghton Mifflin Co.
One Beacon St.
Boston, MA. 02108

Att'n: Madeline Ling

FROM: Yoshiko Uchida

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School Division

July 9, 1991

Ms Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue, #102
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Yoshiko:

Enclosed you will find the new agreement for the material that you have written for the grade 5 Anthology. Please sign both copies and return one as soon as possible so that we can process your invoice. Also, would you please return both copies of the work-for-hire that we sent in June?

Thank you again for working with us on this project. We truly appreciate your effort and your interest.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeline J. Ling".

Madeline J. Ling
Executive Editor
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All the best,

July 18, 1991

Becky Cheston
Houghton Mifflin, Reading Dept/
1 Beacon St.
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Becky:

Enclosed is a revised version of my letter for your anthology. Without the word limit constraints, I was able to open up the letter and make it more informal, so I think it will now be more interesting for young people.

It now runs over 700 words, but I trust this is not a problem. * Madeline was very gracious about accommodating my requests, and I hope you will all feel that this new longer piece justifies the fee she arranged for me.

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

cc: Madeline Ling
Encl:

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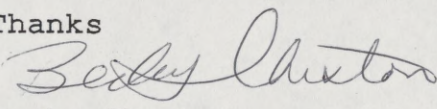
Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue
No. 102
Berkeley, California 94707

Dear Ms. Uchida:

Thanks for your work on the rewrite. It turned out just wonderful!

I'd like to make three very minor changes, which I've indicated on the enclosed copy. Let me know if you have any problems with this.

Thanks


Becky Cheston

617-725-5268

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All the best,

Joshua T. T. T.

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July 25, 1991

Dear Becky -

I forgot to ask if you
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on publication + 1 of the teachers' guide.

Many thanks -

I do look forward to its
publication!

All best,

Yoshiko -

July 25, 1991

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Houghton Mifflin -

Dear Becky -

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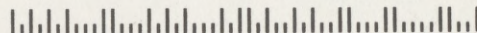
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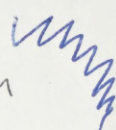
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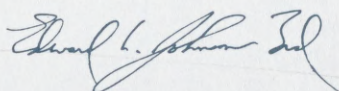
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