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CARSE, ROBERT

January 26, 1962

Mr. Robert Carse c/o Putnam's 210 Madison Avenue New York City

Dear Mr. Carse:

Congratulations to you on FRIENDS OF THE WOLF, and congratulations to us for having such a really good book, well-written and exciting and full of history, for the young readers.

Because of the Maine Indians, we venture to write and ask if you are amenable to being called a Maine author. We try to have avaiable all biographical and critical material on Maine writers, and here in the library, for exhibit and study purposes, we have the Maine Author Collection, consisting of about three thousand volumes, most of which are inscribed presentation copies, books written by Maine people, or about Maine subjects.

Would you like to inscribe and present a copy of FRIENDS OF THE WOLF for the collection? It is a book which we should like very much, of course, to include in the exhibit.

You have our good wishes for a long and successful life for the book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of Maine Author Collection

Hotel Chelsea, 222 West 23rd Street, New York #11, New York, February 9th, 1 9 6 2

Thank you very much indeed for the kind words in your letter of January 26th. Do please find, herewith, a copy of my book, "Friends of the Wolf". I showed your letter to Thomas G. MacPherson, the Children's Book editor at Putnam, and he was delighted.

Now let me if I may ask you folks a bit of a favor. I have just today signed a contract with a fine old house here in town, W.W. Norton, to do a history on Colonial children. I have already four in my gallery, but no Maine kids. Certainly, one should be included. Do be so good to tell me where to go for my source material, or, failing that, turn me over to your colleagues at the library. There is quite a fine collection of Maine books here in the Forty-second Street library and I have been working my way through them, with no great success up to here.

Let me with this express my gratitude, and my best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Carse

February 14, 1962

Mr. Robert Carse Hotel Chelsea 222 West 23rd Street New York City 11

Dear Mr. Carse:

Thank you for your friendly, prompt, generous response to our letter. FRIENDS OF THE WOLF arrived this morning, and we are delighted to be able to add it to the Maine Author Collection.

It is good news about the new book, and we have asked Miss Margaret A. Whalen, our research librarian, to answer your request for advice on source material. We hope the work progresses satisfactorily, and we shall certainly look forward to seeing the new volume.

Again, our warm appreciation for your kindness and interest.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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