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# Dewey Ward Correspondence

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WARD, Dewey  
b. Boston

March 26, 1963

Mrs. Dewey Ward  
c/o Random House Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York City 22

Dear Mrs. Ward:

Congratulations on your new book, THE UNSHELTERED. We look forward to seeing a copy, and hope that you will be happy with its reception.

Because your book has a Maine setting, we wonder whether we can claim you as a Maine author -- either native or "adopted" -- and for that reason, we write about the Maine Author Collection.

This is a permanent exhibit of Maine books and Maine writers' work. Most of the three thousand volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and we also collect biographical and critical material so that our information on Maine authors may be complete.

We hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of THE UNSHELTERED for inclusion in the exhibit. It would be a welcome addition. Meanwhile, you have our good wishes for the success of your novel.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

15 East 94th Street  
New York 28, N. Y.

May 22, 1963

Mrs. F. W. Jacob  
In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I do apologize for my lengthy delay in answering your cordial letter of March 26th regarding my novel, *THE UNSHELTERED*. Firstly, I was traveling and receipt of my mail was very erratic and secondly, upon my return to New York, I was married and am presently involved with moving to Paris to live. So you can see that recent weeks have been hectic for me - though, I hasten to add, very happy ones.

I appreciate your interest and your contacting me regarding the Maine Author collection. However, I regret to write that I am not a Maine resident nor could I in all honesty claim to be "adopted". I was born and educated in Boston, Massachusetts, with summers during formative years spent in New Hampshire - with frequent visits to Maine. I certainly fell in love with the state of Maine, but have never really lived there for any period of time.

In view of the above, I doubt I could fall into the category of even the "adopted" Maine author. However, if you still wish an inscribed copy of the novel, I would be delighted to send one to you.

Again, thank you for your interest and good wishes. Please do let me know if an inscribed copy would be appropriate and, if so, I will send one promptly.

Sincerely yours,

*Dewey Ward Hervey*

Dewey Ward

(Mrs.) Dewey Ward Hervey

DWH:s

May 28, 1963

Mrs. Dewey Ward Hervey  
15 East 94th Street  
New York 28, New York

Dear Mrs. Hervey:

Our best wishes to you for present and future happiness. Reason enough, indeed, to delay attention to correspondence!

We realize that we cannot claim you as a Maine-born author, nor yet one resident here; but inasmuch as your book was set in Maine, we wrote to you. The Maine exhibit includes books which are in any way connected with the state, and *THE UNSHELTERED* is, even though your own connection is slight.

We have no right to be insistent, but the background of your book certainly makes it eligible for inclusion. It would be a welcome addition, and we'd love to have it.

We have, since writing to you, seen a copy, and it seems to have the kind of appeal which makes for popularity. Let us hope that it will enjoy a satisfying demand, and that in the busy days ahead of you, you will still find opportunity to continue your writing.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

June 20, 1963

Mrs. Dewey Ward Hervey  
15 East 94th Street  
New York 28, New York

Dear Mrs. Hervey:

Thank you very much for the copy of your novel, THE UNSHELTERED. It is added to the Maine Author Collection with appreciation for your interest and generosity, and with satisfaction in a good new Maine novel. We hope it is successful and popular -- it should be, with the exciting story and varied characters you have portrayed.

Our very good wishes to you. We hope that although you are moving to Paris, some day the State of Maine may be privileged to extend hospitality to you again.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection