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Hilda McLeod Jacob

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May 17, 1971

Mrs. Marjorie Sharmat
51 Sycamore Lane
Irvington, New York 10533

Dear Mrs. Sharmat:

The very best news is that you have some more books near publication. What fun for everyone!

We are really most grateful to be able to add these four to the Maine Author Collection. You make capturing the zany, infuriating charm of small boys seem easy.

We glean some biographical material, but we seem to lack a birthdate. Sometime, if you are willing, may we have this detail?

All good wishes for the new books, and again our warm thanks to you for these four.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

Portland-Born Woman Writes 3rd Children's Book

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A Portland native, Mrs. Marjorie Weinman Sharmat, has had a third book for children published.

The book, "Gladys Told Me To Meet Her Here," was published May 6 by Harper & Row. It is the story of a small boy searching for his best friend in a large and bustling city zoo and of the many thoughts that crowd his mind as he searches. It is illustrated by Edward Francino. It is written for children 4 to 8 years old.

Her two previously published books are "Rex," a story about a boy who thinks he is a dog, and "Goodnight Andrew, Goodnight Craig," the inspiration for which came from her own two sons.

Mrs. Sharmat is the daughter of Nathan Weinman of Portland.



Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

MARJORIE SHARMAT
51 SYCAMORE LANE
IRVINGTON, NEW YORK 10533

May 26, 1971

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine Author Collection
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

It was good hearing from you. Before I get any older, I'll answer your birthdate question. I was born November 12, 1928, the same day as Grace Kelly who is now denying the whole thing. A few other details: my mother, Anna Richardson Weinman, was a native of Bangor. My father, now a widower, and my sister Rosalind (my inspiration for A VISIT WITH ROSALIND) still live in Portland. My husband's name is Mitchell. My two sons are Craig, 13, and Andrew, 11.

If your library carries the reference series, Contemporary Authors, my biography is in the newest volume 25-28. I won't overwhelm you here with more details than you might want.

With very best wishes,

Marjorie Sharmat

February 26, 1971

Mrs. Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Irvington
New York 10533

Dear Mrs. Sharmat:

It was a delight to learn that we can claim you as a Maine author. Your books for children have captivated many a young reader (and not a few of these elders, as well), so it is a special pleasure that we can say a Maine author wrote them.

Do you know of the Maine Author Collection? It is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine persons, and also books about Maine. Most of these books are inscribed presentation copies, and we try to have biographical information available, so that our Maine author section is as complete as possible.

We hope that you may want to inscribe your books for inclusion in this exhibit. Our good wishes go to you for a happy continuation of this kind of book. We do welcome them.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

MARJORIE SHARMAT
51 SYCAMORE LANE
IRVINGTON, NEW YORK 10533

April 9, 1971

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine Author Collection
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

Please forgive me for not answering your lovely letter sooner. My father, who lives in Maine, had a minor operation, and so I made an unexpected trip there in March, leaving unfinished things behind (and of course coming back to more unfinished things!). He's fine now.

I was very pleased to hear about the Maine Author Collection, and I will be happy to send my books for inclusion in it. I have had four books published, which I am sending under separate cover: REX, GOODNIGHT ANDREW GOODNIGHT CRAIG and GLADYS TOLD ME TO MEET HER HERE (all Harper & Row) and A HOT THIRSTY DAY (Macmillan). I have three books for older children scheduled for publication: 51 SYCAMORE LANE and A VISIT WITH ROSALIND (both Macmillan) and GETTING SOMETHING ON MAGGIE MARMELSTEIN (Harper & Row). The ROSALIND book takes place in Portland--one scene is in the public library. On the jackets of two of the books I'm sending, you'll find brief biographical information, and of course if you want to know anything else, I'll be glad to tell you whatever I can.

Thank you so much for your kind words about my books. I enjoy writing them.

With every good wish,

Marjorie Sharmat

March 26, 1975

Mrs. Marjorie Sharmat
51 Sycamore Lane
Irvington, NY 10533

Dear Mrs. Sharmat:

You are already represented in our Maine Author Collection with four books which you generously sent to us: REX; A HOT THIRSTY DAY; GOODNIGHT ANDREW GOODNIGHT CRAIG; GLADYS TOLD ME TO MEET HER HERE.

We know that since these were published you have written several more delightful books for children.

We wish to have all works by each Maine author represented in this permanent collection. We would appreciate your sending copies of any or all of your other books, inscribed as presentation copies to the Maine Author Collection.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, yours,

(Miss) Shirley Thayer
Reference Librarian

MARJORIE SHARMAT
51 SYCAMORE LANE
IRVINGTON, NEW YORK 10533

April 2, 1975

Miss Shirley Thayer
Reference Librarian
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Miss Thayer,

It was good hearing from you. Thanks so much for your nice letter.

I've tried to fill various requests for books in past years, but as the number of my published books increased I found that it became very expensive to keep buying books to give away, so I had to stop doing it. As of next year I'll have a total of twenty books published, so the problem has become a big one. Naturally I'm glad to be published so many times but I really am sorry that it has forced me to stop supplying books...even, as a matter of policy, one book.

If I'm ever in Augusta, I'll drop by and say hello.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Marjorie Sharmat