

November 22, 1949

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you so much for your nice letter. I am sorry that you have been laid up with a bursitis. I know that that is very painful and I hope that you are well on the road to recovery from it. I was distressed about Betty's accident and hope that she will not have any serious result from it.

I must tell you that Santa Claus in the form of Isabelle is sending you, as well as each of your boys, a copy of the RIO GRANDE. Please don't tell them or Isabelle that I have told you, but I want you to know that one is already done up and ready to mail to you when the right time comes. The two copies you ordered are already in the mail and you may want to give these away for Christmas, knowing that you are to receive one.

I am enclosing some duplicate copies of reviews that have come in. Would you be kind enough to show them to Isabelle some time when you see her.

The book seems to be selling very well in this part of the country and, of course, I am pleased to hear that Brentano's in Washington sold out quickly. I shall be happy to fill any orders as it is very simple for me with my packing facilities to send them out and I do make more than my 60¢ royalty on books that go from here direct.

It was so nice to have a visit with you last June and I hope I may see you again before too long, though right now I do not know when I will be coming East again. Please give Howard and Henry my love and I hope to see the other boys the next time I come.

Affectionately,

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Dearest Anne,

Thank you many times for all the clippings SEE IT CLIPPING SERVICE sends me. What is the price of a subscription, please? How you do cover newspapers, magazines, etc. I am very much impressed.

Various things are coming in in the way of reviews, and my slipping syntax, as referred t