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Dear Miss Gilpin:

I assure you with the utmost sincerity that until you wrote me I had no knowledge about the appearance of your "Rio Grande" in the remainder lists. I don't think that fact would have made any difference in our calculus, but I admire the steadfast sense which causes you to write me as you did. Let me say also that a straight historical and ethnographic account of the Navahos by Ruth Underhill would not have made any difference either, because you've got one important thing to say, and she's got quite another. The difference is that I can say what you have to say much better!

I think the trouble with us all is that we're down in the pockets, and the public is even a trifle downer. Anyway, they're not buying books as they should.

Here's hoping that Walter Frese, who really knows how to manage illustrated books, sees a nice possibility in your "The Enduring Navaho."

Cordially yours

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