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Dear Laure, It was good to have your note, and now I have THE BOOK. I ordered my copy from The Tass Book Shop as soon as The Tass News gave the word.

I feel that The Enduring Navajo is a unique contribution. The long & intimate association with The People, your telling of their whole story in pictures, your pictures

What choice & what photography!
The color pictures were unexpected & the color Gnd. I thought
the one of Navajo Blankets, giving
perfect color & texture, a gem -

I liked the way you told the
story beginning with the Creation
myth & air pictures of the four
sacred mountains, & the detailed
references to the experiences you
& Betsy had on the Reservation
gave the book a special flavor,
My warmest congratulations!

I shall be talking about it
 for a long time & referring to it
 often. This is also the case with
 you, Rio Grande. A photo-
 graph of ^{your} Pueblo Bake Ovens
 has hung over my desk for
 years. I just looked & it's dated
 1924. Of course these things all
 make me reminisce & I love
 that.

I described The Enduring Navajo
 in detail at The Hausatonic Book-
 shop in Salisbury last week. The
 owner a knowing bookman in

an affluent & book buying
town. He was most interested
& will order it. This sort of
thing gives me great pleasure
partly because the Navajo are
a great interest of mine. I'll
continue to talk & in bookshops
too.

It's a snowy world here of
late, I look out of my window
at hills & trees & unspoiled
fields. I built a house on
a hillside with a lovely view,
two years ago. Although I

miss the South west of Ten,
I think my home was a
good one, I love the greenery,
the pattern of trees, the short
distances between friends &
my family are an asset ^{too} as I
grow older & infirmities
hamper me.

I am going to telephone
you & find out about Betty &
also ask some questions only
you can answer.

Great success to you with
the book! What next?

With cheery greetings
to you both.

Affectionately,

Laurel Hirsloff

Jan. 9th