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Dear Laura, I spent the
waning last night warm before
a lovely wood fire in our house -
reading again and looking
again at The Enduring.
Navajo and I have to write
to tell you again how truly
great this book is. The faces
of those people - caught so
sensitively by you - move
me almost to tears - and
all the beauty of the country
and the lives and work of
its talented people - and
their strength and courage
done with such skill and
understanding and genius
by you for us and all

those who come after who can
perhaps only know through your
work and this moving beautiful
book what the Navajo were and
are . . and how tremendously
important and beautiful their
way of thought and life is —

So — for the umpteenth time
dear Laura — my personal
thanks for all you are and all
you have done. You are a
very great artist and a
very great lady and this
world is lucky you lived and
worked as you have!

My dear love and
continuing admiration and
gratitude

Peace