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Dear Steve:

I saw the Villagra Book Shop ladies yesterday and they told me that you had been here the day before -- why in the world didn't you let me know! I have a small order for you. Early in December, a friend of mine in Gallup phoned me to see if I would autograph three books if she mailed them over -- which, of course, she did -- and I returned them to the post office immediately, sent over by a boy who was helping me in the darkroom. Two days before, he had mailed five books for me, all of which were insured. On this particular package of three books, he failed to insure them, and they have never been received in Gallup. The post office has been trying to locate them, but they have not shown up yet. I feel very badly about this, and it seems to me the least I can do is to replace them to her for cost, so enclosed please find my check for \$31.50, for which please send to me three copies, which I will autograph and send on to her.

I hope all is going well and that people are beginning to line up for the summer tourist trade. Don't forget that it is as much to my interest as yours to keep the book moving, and anything I can do to help, I am most glad to do.

With best wishes to all,

Sincerely,

Laura Gilpin

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