

QUANTNESS
PEACEABLE STREET
GEORGETOWN, CONNECTICUT

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Dearest Laura, thank you a thousand times for your book, and I do think you can be PROUD of it. I think the River feeling got into you, from the way the text flows -- really -- and it is all so truly interesting, and so rightly told. As for the photographs they are masterpieces, but you know that; you knew too much about that art to have any doubt about it. The wonderful thing is how beautifully they have reproduced them, and placed them -- I'm sure you did that -- so that they and the pictures are one whole, and the whole has that beautiful -- well, river-flow.

That perfect, beautiful tail-piece! I hadn't seen that.

Truly, you can be as proud of your book as your friends are of you.

I couldn't be more pleased about Dallas -- 99 and 99 100ths, like Ivory Soap's purity, for you and the book, that you should have the prestige and dignity of the Museum, and the other little wicked 100th because Mr. R. didn't get his own way.

I knew just how you feel about autographing books for strangers -- what can one say except "To Ada"? That's all I want in the ones you are such an angel as to say you will do for me -- "To" whoever, and your name. No date or anything. Put anything extra you like into Robert's and Yehudi's, or nothing. And send them all to me, please, and tell me what I owe you for postage (or maybe I can be bright and make it out for myself!) I do thank you, and I know the recipients will bless you.

All luck and love from

Anna