

Sept. 30.

Dear Mr. Murdock:-

At this point I cannot remember how many copies of RIO GRANDE I have ordered. I am getting a gratifying response to the announcements I have sent out to my various friends up and down the river. Already 43 are in. So in addition to my ten copies, I shall need sixty. Will you enter my order for that many, please. Will it be possible to get from you individual book cartons for these 60 copies? Most of these go to individuals in remote places up and down the river away from bookstores. I will not sell any here to compete with the local bookstores. Some go to a scattering of individuals across the country. So if you could send these to me in bulk but in the cartons I will autograph them and mail them out.

Two orders I have received have touched me deeply. Mr. Metherill, the man on horseback in the first picture in the book, who took me to the source of the river, has ordered five copies, and so has a little woman in a little town up in Colorado with whom I boarded while working up there. This is the kind of interest that really counts.

A friend has sent me the announcement in the Tribune of last Sunday. I am amazed and thrilled that D.S.S.P. give the book a full page. The big day for me is coming very fast, and we will see what happens.

With best wishes to all of you, I am

Sincerely yours,