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Dear Mr. Willey:

I am very grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to read Charlton Ogburn's *The Adventure of Birds*.

As a birder myself, though not as avid in the pursuit of birds as Charlton Ogburn, but whose interest in birds also began before the age of eleven, they have for me too, irresistible appeal. My immediate reaction to *The Adventure of Birds* was tingling excitement, anticipation, and near uncontrollable pleasure, which was sustained page after page. This emotion derives not solely from the subject matter but equally from Mr. Ogburn's literary and scientific references and from the beauty and poignancy of his words. He evokes, as always springtime does, an urge to go out again into the wild places where these feelings can be sublimated by direct involvement with birds.

I am sure this delightful book will appeal to a wider audience than just the fraternity of ornithologists - professional and amateur - to all who seek joy or solace in nature.

Yours sincerely,

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