

**THIS WEEK**

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Dear Miss Ida:

I have been reading your book aloud to Missy, with greatest pleasure to us both. In a world which seems to tremble on the brink of insanity, if it has not already fallen over the edge, your voice, dear Miss Ida, is one of the few sane ones we have.

Missy and I are very anxious to keep a permanent record of your friendship in connection with this book, and I am therefore wondering if you would be an angel and inscribe a copy to each of us. I am sending our two copies under separate cover. I wouldn't bother you about this, but I understand that you have a secretary who is helping you and taking care of the mechanical office work for you.

We were hoping very much to have you as a guest of honor at the meeting of the World Congress of Writers sponsored by the P.E.N. Club, to be held the 8th, 9th, and 10th, of May, but I learn that you won't be back until June. If for any reason you should change your mind, I hope you will let us know.

Yours with much affection,

  
Mary Day Winn

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