

Mr. Carl H. Wilson,
The Carl H. Wilson Co.,
926 Republic Building, Seattle

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing you again, and sending some additional clippings and a circular, pertaining to my forthcoming book, Drummers and Dreamers. It is nota vanity publication.

On a pre-holiday trip to Seattle I dropped into the office in the hopes that I would be able to see you, but found you were in the east.

Since this book, which will be issued early in the fall so it will be well established by the 1956 Christmas trade, will have more than a Northwest appeal--that is proven in advance inquiries from libraries etc. all over---I am hopeful you will see fit to stock it for your various and widespread outlets.

As you no doubt know, this is offered by the publisher at 40 per cent discount. But in your case, and with your many outlets it would be obtainable for 50 per cent for 100 books or over. And as you know Saxtons operates under a returnable agreement.

Because of my widespread contacts, the book and the Wanapum Indians will receive much good publicity, real news stories, as construction commences on Priest Rapids Dam and preliminary work is undertaken on Wanapum Dam, which is named for these remnant people.

I would be interested in determining, as soon as possible, if you are interested in any book parties at Rhondes in Seattle and Tacoma, the Crescent at Spokane etc. I and the Indians --some of the very interesting old characters, will make a swing around the Northwest and because of numerous requests, it is necessary I work out an itinerary at this time.

At Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma for instance, because of my widespread contacts, I have lists of some 300 persons each who are good potential purchasers. Dignified invitations inviting them to come in and meet the Indians and secure a lithograph of the four-color painting, the cover by the western artist, E.B. Quigley of Portland will be sent out in advance and they will be asked to reserve a copy of the book from such and such stores where I will appear. It takes much time to prepare this advance material, and that is why I am writing you now. I will have a limited number of books with me to back up the local stores, available to them at the 40 per cent discount rate. This would eliminate back up ordering.

I am enclosing a circular and hope you see your way clear at this time

Best,
D.H.W.

Dec. 29, 1955

to advance order and take advantage of the 100 book rate. No money is desired by the publisher of course, until delivery. Actual publication date will be Oct. 6.

I hope too that you will be able to outline some of the stores you would wish the Indians to appear at. I am especially interested in Tacoma and Spokane, as well as Seattle and Portland of course and am confident the book will move well there. By knowing of the stores at this time I will be able to work cooperatively with them.

The publisher, of course, is advertising the book in the various cities mentioned as well as elsewhere. Some of my friends on various newspapers and I am a newspaperman myself--are waiting for developments before they uncork with stories about the Wanapums, and there will be stories appearing about them on press wires and wirephotos. My only fear now is that the book will not come up to expectation.

Under separate cover, and for your own collection of material, I am sending a copy of the Yakima Treaty booklet. This was authorized by the Yakima Tribe and the tribe, which has refused to give information to historians and writers, asked me to edit the book and write several sections.

I hope you have time to scan the clippings. As you no doubt know, the Indian situation is developing into national proportions and because of the millions of dollars involved in reservation lands, the interest spreads into many channels other than "Indian fans."

Drummers and Dreamers is a footnoted book, not a campaign book, but with an introduction by Mr. F.W. Hodge, formerly of Smithsonian Institution, and with a story that gives a good background into the termination of reservations which is now coming to pass on the Klamath and throughout the entire nation and is reaching now to the Yakima Reservation.

There are 500 enrolled yakimas for instance who live outside of the state of Washington. There are 4,300 enrolled altogether. Through termination, those living off the reservation can claim their share of tribal land and timber and this will amount to some \$50,000 to \$70,000 for every man, woman and child. That is just one small angle involved and one potential for Drummers and Dreamers. Few outside of those directly involved yet realize the importance and the far reaching economic aspects.

Most Sincerely

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