

Spokane, Wash.
February 11, 1957

My dear Mr. Belander:

Thank you for your
good letter of February sixth and
for the beautiful lithographs
with the description of the artist
who originally painted the scene.
One I shall keep, but one will go
into our chapter scrap book.

I do not agree with some reviewers
that "the story is the thing," leaving
their listeners with the idea that,
having heard the story, they need
not read the book. So in presenting
your book, "Drummers and Dreamers"
which was my own choice for
reviewing, I began with a short
biographical sketch of the author
and his qualifications for writing it;
the extensive bibliography
insuring authenticity; and
enough of the real subject matter

to arouse interest in Indian
lore and the Wanapum in
particular. I frankly stated
that the book should be read
from an entertaining angle
but more especially from an
historical angle. I confess I
talked for an hour but the result
was very satisfying; they were
all eager to read the book for
themselves; my own copy will
be passed along by four or five and
Mrs. Rawlings copy will do good
service too. Best of all several
expressed a desire to have a copy
on their own library shelves.
There was a unanimous opinion
of course, that America has
certain blot on her escutcheon
that we are not proud of, one
being definitely our poor
estimate and treatment of our
Indian predecessors.

My people came by covered wagon
train to the Walla Walla Valley
in 1862 and learned Washington
history by living it. I have often
heard my father talk of those days
and he agreed with what you
have so well expressed.

I bought your book when it was
first presented in Spokane, intending
to give it to my grandson for a
Christmas gift but I soon found
I wanted it myself so got another
copy for him. He lives in Richland.

I'm sorry to tell you, but the
clipping about Buck Hyak Toot
was not enclosed. I did not see it
when printed and would appreciate it.

Congratulations on such a fine
book and its perpetuation of the
memory of such a fine people.

Sincerely

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