

EDITOR'S COMMENTS ABOUT *RIVER OF DREAMS*

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From: Barbara Sachs Sloan
To: wildwood dean
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 8:43 PM
Subject: Re: New River of Dreams

I don't want to jinx myself or you here, but this thing is so fun to read. I laugh out loud so often, and there was one part in particular when you were alone as a boy at the river at night that was absolutely poetic--it was so beautifully written.

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From: Barbara Sachs Sloan
To: wildwood dean
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 1:46 PM
Subject: Re: New River of Dreams

Yes, it hit me yesterday that I'd been asking you for clarification on a couple of things but had neglected totally to tell you how much I was loving every word. It really is a fantastic story--very fun to read, plus has an old-fashioned charm I find very endearing

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From: Barbara Sachs Sloan
To: wildwood dean
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 8:31 PM
Subject: Re: snow storm

I've been slowly getting to the end of your manuscript--it is indeed funny in places (lots of places) and very heartwarming. It's a wonderful story, and you tell it well. All the incidents with your brother are just fantastic. I nearly freaked when you were trying to net that big catfish in the pond and ended up with all those snakes and turtles in a bundle then got yellow fever. You do such a great job with it--I'm continually impressed as I read along.

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From: Barbara Sachs Sloan
To: Wildwood Dean
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 8:40 AM
Subject: Re: snow storm

Hey, I just finished reading the manuscript, and my initial impression holds fast--it's a great book. I laughed and cringed all the way to the end. Did your foot get cut off in that accident? Wow. That's a powerful section, but then the one before with Joe Choice and the big tree was also a powerful one.

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From: [Barbara Sachs Sloan](#)
To: [wildwood dean](#)
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2008 2:00 PM
Subject: Re: Wildwood Dean on DISH NETWORK

I loved how you set up the situation and then kept the suspense building. Every incident was handled like that, yet it didn't feel repetitive or contrived at all. It was very natural, amazingly fun and quite tense and alarming in some places. It was astounding to see how insightful your mother was and how steady and wise your dad was. I enjoyed it more than I have any other biography I've ever read, actually.

There just weren't but about two areas where I had any question at all. The rest was straightforward and clean. I would love to see this just take off and get picked up by a major publisher. These kinds of "memoirs" are really "in" right now.