

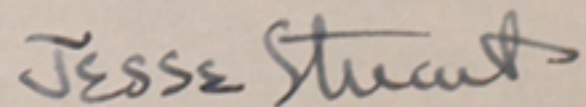
Riverton, Ky.
June 23rd 1957

Dear Dayton Kohler:

Several things will happen to me this year. Several things have already happened, I mean not too big, but I am happy they happened. One is TV accepted The Thread That Runs So True and did a creditable liveshow on secondary teaching on this book. Actually it was excellent. But this isn't the thing that pleased me most. Then two of my books, Hie to the Hunters, a novel published in 1950 and The Good Spirit of Laurel Ridge, a novel published in 1953, will be published in Germany. I am happy about this but this isn't what has pleased me the most. Then my life was spared and I went back to secondary school worked and practically saved a school that had gone as far backwards as it could go. I was happy to do this for I owed much to humanity as a promise to God for sparing my life. I think you could see this all through The Year of My Rebirth. Of course one's life is number one to him, if he is not suffering beyond hope and wants to make the world better because he has lived. Now you wonder what I regard as the best thing that has happened to me in 1957! Well, I shall tell you.....

Your accepting and using The Year of My Rebirth in Masterplots 1957. This is honestly, a most beautiful book, discriminating editorship. It is a great idea, unique in the book world since it selects the best world-wide and, when I got the book two weeks ago, I carried it around with me. I liked it that well. I put it away for I've been planting corn and soybeans, having it done in the face of slipping prices... I took your book with me, read it, went over your selections with gladness in my heart for my book's being selected for this outstanding book of world scope and content. Just this brief note to tell you how I feel.

Sincerely,



Jesse Stuart