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Dear Mr. Butcher,

Booker Prize

Thank you so much for the cheque for £40 which is your contribution towards the co-operative advertising of the Booker Prize short list.

I am very sorry that you feel that it was not worth all the time and money you spent, as this would rather seem to defeat the purpose of the prize. In defence of the Prize we hope that its effectiveness will build up year by year and that it will eventually increase book sales very considerably. The Prix Goncourt was in existence for some years before it was revered as it is now. This is obviously small comfort to you at the present time, but never the less I am sad that you feel so pessimistic.

It is most unfortunate to hear that you are to lose a clearly talented young author and I do hope that the prize was not responsible for that.

My best wishes and thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Marilyn Edwards