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Dame Rebecca West,
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Dear Dame Rebecca,

I am very sorry to hear that your husband is still so seriously ill and I do hope that you are not finding this judging too burdensome in the circumstances.

I like your comments - though I have read neither of the books concerned. The Bloater was very well reviewed, though, and maybe the publishers were influenced by this. On the other hand perhaps they really do think it is one of their two best books this year!

I am sure that the other judges will be delighted to know that you have nothing to add to Bill Webb's list - one or two of them are groaning already!

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Jill Mortimer