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Dear Mr. Thwaite,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 20 in reply to my request for suggestions for the 1971 Bocker judges. I take your point about "Personality" and "Book Trade person" although the criterion when choosing these was that they were well-read people with a judgment one would respect. You apologise for these not being positive suggestions, but it is exactly this sort of criticism that I sought. Unfortunately, due to administrative reasons, the selection meeting has not been held but when it is I will very willingly forward your views on to the Committee.

I was particularly grateful to receive your list of potential judges as they were very much the sort of people I feel should be involved with the Prize and I will of course make sure that the Committee's attention is fully drawn to them.

Again thank you, and I will of course let you know when things start happening.

Yours sincerely,

Marilyn Edwards