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Dear Eric,

Booker Prize

Thanks for your letter. Unfortunately I am afraid that I have been unable to obtain an invitation for your friend and organiser of Bristol literary dinners, Stephen Kew. I owe you an explanation. In previous years the award of the prize has been either a large buffet with publishers buying tickets or a drinks party by invitation only, but where the numbers attending have been fairly large. This year the organizing committee opted for a small dinner to which the people invited are those closely involved with the prize for one reason or another.

I do hope that this does not make things awkward for you.

Yours,

Marilyn Edwards