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Dear Ross,

Booker Award

Thank you so much for your letter of 22 April. It was thoughtful and generous of you to write, and although none of the success of last Tuesday's party belongs to me, I am very glad to have your compliments for the sake of my staff and, of course, particularly Marilyn Edwards.

I thought that this year's event was infinitely more successful than last year's, and I think that we now have the right pattern.

Organizing the circulation of the books to be read obviously presented considerable problems, particularly with Richard Hoggart going off to Paris half-way through! It is good to know that Marilyn and her assistant, Avril, managed everything so skilfully.

Thank you again for your letter, and for your compliments even though the last thing I would say about Marilyn is that she is unobtrusive!

Kind regards

Yours ever,