

ME/ADW

26 January, 1970

Dear Dame Rebecca,

Again a very large welcome back! I can well imagine that you find it in many ways distressing to be home again.

Many thanks for all your letters and comments on the books - what a terrible chore to find on your return. I enclose an up-dated list of the judges comments. Those marked with a cross were considered 'out' on the 9th January to try and reduce the list down. If you have any strong disagreements about the books so marked, would you let me know so that I can warn them to revise their opinions. Those marked with a tick are in for re-reading and serious consideration for the short list. Again, you may disagree with these judgements but that could probably be discussed at the February meeting when it is hoped that both the short list and the winner may be chosen.

On the whole the Judging on 9th January went quite well with only a few disagreements. It was marred, alas, by a phone call informing Richard Hoggart of the death of his mother in law.

I do hope that Sunday, 22 February, is a date that will be convenient to you for the final judging. It is extremely irritating that it is a Sunday, for which many apologies but it really does seem the only day that is convenient to the other four. I await, with some apprehension your decision on this.

Jill seems very well (I have not seen her, but I speak to her often on the phone) although she is still not working so is still with the friends that I told you about. Their address is:

I look forward very much to hearing from you and seeing you soon, and again many thanks for the terrific effort you have put into the reading to these books - I remain very much in awe!

Yours ever,

Marilyn Edwards