February 14, 1993

Dear Barbara Kingsolver:

In a recent Publishers Weekly, I noticed that Harper Collins is sending you an tour with this upcoming book (which we are so excited about!) Are you by chance coming to Kansas City - in which case can we persaude you to come to Lawrence, even for an hour on the way to the airport? (Hm..on the way to the airport - it's only about an hour out of your way!)

Besides myself being enraptured by your books, you have quite a following in Lawrence, which is guess is true of many college towns. Even our paper had the AP article about your books being on college reading lists - fantastic. What we've noticed at the Raven (we'd have to be blind not to notice!) is how many of the bookclubs have read you. Again, being a college town, our book clubs have most interesting lists, intelligent, well written, worthwhile books.

My mother lives in Tucson (I graduated many, many years ago from Amphi) and I had given some thought to coming to the writers conference in January so that I could introduce myself to you. But it was just too soon after Christmas and my partner and I are just getting out from under the Christmas/end of the year bookkeeping so I couldn't get away. So if we can't get you to Lawrence sometime, compliments of Harper Collins, please know that we'd love to have you should you ever be this way.

And/or sometime when I'm in Tucson, I would like to meet you if you can spare time for admirers.

Sincerely.

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