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Dear [AUTHOR],

You are the recipient of my [YEAR] “The Award” for your brilliant novel, *[TITLE OF BOOK]*. “The Award” holds no purse and conveys only itself as an honour.

“The Award” was borne out of a personal frustration the Canadian novelist, Kathryn Kuitenbrouwer had with large literary awards that focus on one book or, in some cases, a handful of books, and purport to excellence, even as we know that award juries are subject to their own idiosyncrasies. Her “The Award” is bestowed onto one book from any country by a now-living writer whose fiction she happens to read in any given year and which she has enjoyed so much she gave it a wee pat when she closed its covers. Now, Kathryn has made it possible for other writers and readers to give their own “The Award” to their favourite books.

The criteria for bestowing “The Award” is simply that the giver doesn’t know the author personally and that they loved the book. [I CHOSE ...HERE YOU WRITE WHY YOU CHOSE THIS BOOK AND HEAP PRAISE]

“The Award” will never have a monetary value, since I don’t want to sully its prestige with dubious investments etc. Instead, “The Award” is a drawing by me in appreciation of your gorgeous creation.

I do not plan to widely promote my [YEAR] “The Award” as I have no clue about these things, though you are welcome to do so. [YOU CAN REWORD THE LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS HOWEVER SUITS YOU]

I hope you will enjoy your “The Award.”

With utmost respect,

[YOUR NAME AND BY-LINE IF YOU LIKE]