

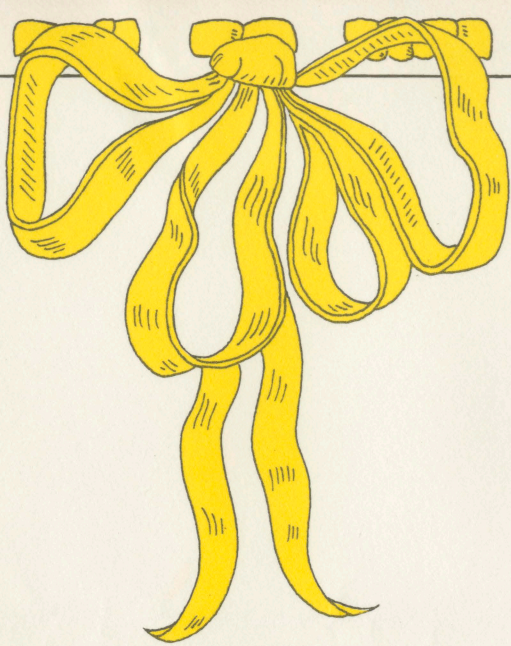
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Dear Mrs. Toole,

My family wants you to know we are rejoicing with you over Ken's great accomplishment! We are just happy that we had the opportunity to know and love such an outstanding, delightful person. When I think back on Cary's close friendship with Ken, we felt he was a member of our family also. He was intelligent (a genius, I'm sure), a gentleman, witty, sincere, and the adjectives roll on....

I'm sure with Mother's Day so near this truly was the most perfect gift you could have been given — to have Ken's greatness immortalized.

Upon learning of Ken's Pulitzer Award Mother and Daddy immediately mailed the article to Cary. However, Cary had



already learned of it and was ecstatic!
My family appreciated your
thoughtfulness in sending each of us
a copy of New Orleans Review giving
an excerpt of Ken's novel. We tho-
roughly enjoyed it.

In closing, I remember Ken ac-
companying us on a visit to my aunt
and uncle's home in rural Mississippi.
We arrived at night. When Cary shut
the car lights off and Ken had gotten
out, Ken gazed at the beauty of the
millions of stars in the sky one can
see only in the country away from the
city lights. He exclaimed, "I didn't
know there were this many stars in
the heavens!" He has taken his place
among them.... Sincerely,
Lynda (Linda) Martin