

Monday, June 24

Dear Lee:

Here it is...revised and revised and revised. Especially the first chapter as you will see by page 1½. I know it so well it is practically impossible for me to read it and find mistakes at this point. Which is why I let my Aunt (for many years a 4th grade teacher, and now a principal) have it over the weekend. It's against my principles to let any family members see my stuff....except John. The rest are too critical. But Auntie liked this. Her first enthusiastic report. She turned out to be a good proof reader too....lots of typos picked up. I'll feel better when you see it. You're right... it really does become part of you. And I thought I'd hate rewriting but I kind of enjoyed it. Anyway, it's all yours for a while. Then I'll be ready for the final copy and John may lend me one of his girls to type it....that would be nice!

Do you know that Reilly and Lee have held Green Kangaroo for FOUR months now. What do I do? Just forget it for now? I have a new picture book in my head that wants to come out... will probably do it over the summer....don't want to get into another a long one till fall. My Middles began day camp today. Seven weeks of 9-5....do you think I'll live through it? My brother leaves for Vietnam today also (unfortunately) He flies B 52s....will be dropping bombs over there. I hate the thought of it!!! Be looking forward to seeing you. If you think we need to get together, I'll come up....and don't forget that dinner. Take care.

Love

Judy

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