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Letters

Dear Janine:

After reading the book *Fighting for Home & Country* I feel compelled to write to you to let you know how much I admire the way you edited the stories. In my own case, I was very happy to see that all of the important facts were left in and what had been deleted were only nonessentials. You did not worry either about every little error in grammar or sentence structure, but allowed the people to tell their stories in their own way. It is as if the reader is actually listening to them and because of this the book is alive! Thanks again for a great job and for respecting people's memories!

Sincerely,

Ada Roeper-Boulogne

Hi Janine:

I have been reading *Fighting for Home & Country* and I find the stories inspirational. The Wolfe Island Women's Institute will be presenting a copy to our local library in the near future. The stories are so great. I think the book should be available in bookstores. Is there a possibility that might happen? Since 2005 is the Year of the Veteran, the release is timely.

Have you considered contacting War Veterans of Canada? I know that they have a website highlighting communities that are honouring veterans. I was thinking that perhaps they will let you promote the book there.

I love my book!

Sincerely,

Maureen Lollar

President, Wolfe Island WI

Meet Loreen Ambler

Loreen Ambler, a member of the Reid's Corners Women's Institute in Bruce County, wrote the winning entry in the Children's Storybook Competition sponsored by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. The competition was organized as a special feature of FWIO's inaugural provincial Quilt Show, "Quilts, Quills and Bears" which will be held from September 16 to 18, 2005.

Loreen has won other literary awards from the Women's Institute. She received the Senator Cairine Wilson Trophy from the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada at their national triennial convention in Truro, Nova Scotia, in 1994.

A retired teacher, Loreen lives in Kincardine with her husband Bill. She now uses her skills to organize a day care program for seniors, is a volunteer at the hospital and is actively involved in the women's organization of her church.



Loreen's hobbies include a membership in a local book club, amateur radio and traditional rug hooking.

Loreen is the mother of one son and three daughters and grandmother of 10-year-old Sarah. It was Sarah who on reviewing the story exclaimed, "That's good!" Loreen will be on hand to sign copies of the storybook, which will be launched at the FWIO Quilt Show in September.