

Mr. Knox Burger
39 1/2 Washington Square So.
New York, NY 10012

Dear Knox,

Happy New Year. I intend to start it with a bang. Will drive to the Arizona border country about Jan. 9, returning ten days or so later. Anna will have the address and 'phone if you need to reach me. If you feel comfortable signing the contract, however, I can't imagine anything on which I would wish to second-guess you. You've already got 20,000 bucks more than I was asking.

A photographer friend tells me that a couple of fancy wing-shooting books have recently sold in startling numbers. I had the notion that fly-fishers outnumbered bird-hunters. No. The brothers of the bang are much more abundant, says my source, and they all have coffee-tables. This argues that we should be as careful and copious as possible with the illustrations, which I am sure you knew from the beginning.

Tom Eversman has given me another batch of photocopies to send you. One is a picture that he was moved to do of me with the wet rabbits. I sat down and compared Eversman's stuff with Fornelli's as best I could.

Fornelli's people and composition (e.g. the woodcock) look good. His dogs don't. Some birds are good; others seem to come from photos (e.g., snipe and curlew). The curlew's far wing is bigger than the near one, which is the kind of thing one gets with a telephoto lens. It's accurate but not what the eye expects. My impression is that he is a skilled illustrator who may not have had experience with all of the subject matter.

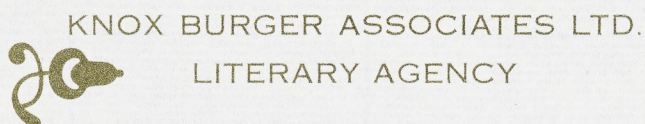
Eversman has seen these things more often; his dogs and birds are accurate. Some of the birds have unusual angles and good movement. I can't judge composition and depth, but perhaps you can from the enclosed.

Also enclosed is another picture from F&S by Jack Unruh. It seems to have both the magic and the accuracy. Still haven't seen anything of his on bird-hunting or dogs, though. We would not want to provide the kindergarten experience. Any thoughts? I'm lost.

Yours,

Enclosed: Eversman pictures

January 1, 1989



KNOX BURGER ASSOCIATES LTD.

LITERARY AGENCY

39 1/2 WASHINGTON SQUARE SOUTH, NEW YORK 10012 TELEPHONE: 212 533-2360 FAX: 677-3170

Dear Dines,

May 4

I have carefully read the Angling Excerpts piece, and am stumped. It really falls between every stool extant. If not at Gray's or F&S, where you're connected, I honestly don't know where. I will send it to the NY Times editor of a quarterly 'magazine' (read advertising-attractor) called the Sophisticated Traveler. They will do more outre or upscale stuff than any of the monthlies.

I should tell you that I've been diagnosed with throat cancer, and am undergoing twice-daily radiation. It's depleting, but I'm able to keep on top of two office work.

I'm glad the marketers say they like the Portuguese book, but - for what it's worth - think both your new suggested titles are weak.

Yours,
Knox

Joey