Dear Brant--

The copy-edited ms of MOUNTAIN TIME, over to you again. As ever, there were some differences of opinion between the writer trying for distinctive flow on the page and the copy editor trying to make that flow follow his rules of the road. We probably end up here with fewer commas and more hyphens than he’d like (and both of us tend to use too many dashes), but any of my stamped STETs or erasures or jotted reasonings in the margin are in the name of making the book reader-friendly. Toward that goal I excised Chuck’s commas before a final and (examples such as on p.72: “she would check into a motel, order in a deep-dish pizza, rent a car in the morning and head home.” I erased the comma-too-far he had put after “morning”) and after what seemed to me self-evident references (“their landlord Ingvaldson” rather than Chuck’s “their landlord, Ingvaldson.”). The only guide I know on hyphenation is maximum clarity; when he changed “cyber-regrets” to “cybberregrets” I changed it back with horror, for instance, but my phrase “I guarandamntee you” I still think meets the eye better than his “I guaran-damn-tee you.” Also, I retained my characters’ usage of statements in the form of questions without question marks: “Is that a fact.” and “that wouldn’t help, would it.” On capitals, I kept those I’d used in specific geographical references--the Bench, the Coast, the Sound--or something like military usage, Officers Training School, but believe we ought to use the contemporary generic when we can on something such as “rollerblading.” On usage, I do remain adamant that we are not going to have a book under my name with a town named “Twin Sulphur Springs” that has “sulfur” springs in it.

And so it goes, another manuscript that on first glance looks like another Hundred Years’ War between author and copy editor (actually the struggle is eternal), but when we get it into print I believe will have the best of his rules and my abracadabra. My thanks to Chuck Antony for his ministrations--he accurately and valuably picked out a weak scene, which I’ve fixed--and now onward to galleys!

all best, and Happy New Year as we start tiptoeing out of the 20th Century

p.s. Brant, when you send the galleys, would you:
1. send 2 sets (so Carol can proof-read ’em at the same time I do)
2. send some more airbills and a few big padded envelopes

Thanks.
Here's the copy-edited manuscript, as promised. We need it back by Jan 8th, as discussed.
Consistent style:

No comma: assistant, kiefer, Suzette

No comma before final and (ex. p. 72

No question mark before a statement in italics, even if form is question (p. 73), e.g., "Is that a fact?"

Combined adjectives: no hyphen unless needed for clarity: short-stated

Cap shortened names & geography: Bench, Coast, Sound
series comma
Travis's
the word cat; the letter q
sounds are italic: twang; rrr

direct address generally lc: old Sarge, Dad, missy, petunia, reader, boss, kid, son
"which" used in restrictive clauses
lc sentence follows colon

interior monologue: initial cap, no quotes, often italic; dialogue remembered / imagined / anticipated / etc. often the same (cf. a smile that said, Right guess?)

Western; Mount Saint Helens; Cascade Range; Rocky Mountain Front; Freemont district; Freezout colony; Eastern European; Fort Collins; Pacific Northwest; northern Montana; Colin country; Lyle land

the Eugene Scene; Jerome "Bing" Bingford III; Tumbling T's; Walking 7's

spell out 1-100, large round numbers, most numbers in dialogue:
'65; three-fourths; thirty-five thousand; $3.95; thirty-some; 5 A.M. [sm cap]; ninety-nine percent; sixties; two million; 1960s; six foot five; World War II; "World War Two"; .375 Magnum; "nineteen sixty-seven"; flight 99; Forty-first Infantry Division; "Highway 89"; twenty-something; "Fortune 500"; "September 6, 1928"

Arctic Dancer
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alpine
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air-dropped
Allison
Atigun Pass
Anaktuvuk River

Aronson
Aggregate Construction Materials, Inc.
angleworm
burnet
bowline
bulkhead
barbwire
breakaway, adj
beddie-bye
Bingford, Jerome III (Bing); Jerry
biome
base camp
big-hat, adj
barrel racing
bank shot
bigfoot; pl bigfoots
boot camp
Buford
backup
benchwarmer
bullhorn
bigfella
bylined
bug-eyed
bloodthirstiness
bed light
boomtown
bush plane
Bob Marshall Wilderness Area
backwater
blonde
benchland; bench top
battle flag
broad-jump, v
Ballard
Busby, Hal
bowlegged
Buffalo Calf Speaks, Nancy
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Loop [Chicago]
LP; LPs
Larsen
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Alexander; Mariah
Mudd, Travis
Mountain time [of day]; mountain time [time in
mountains]
mainsail
Margarita
Mason, Moira
miniskirt (but mini words not in Web. styled open:
mini bottle)
Marshall, Bob
Mancini
muscle man
Mr. Quickie
mountain climbing
man-made
make-out, adj
Mountie
motor home
mini bottle
Mannion, Fritz
milk shake
mama
moleskin
moonwalker
minefield
mouthwatering

North Pacific
newly wed, adj
nightlong

oldtimer's (Alzheimer's)
okay
oil port
off-key

pageboy haircut
Post-Intelligencer; P-I
piton
prairie-dog, v
payoff
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pipe dream
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play-off
pyre
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Primitive Area
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phone book

quickly; quicklies

rain blotter
Rozier, Mitchell; Jocelyn (Joss); Marnie; Laurits
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rock picking; rock-pick, v
rain suit
rain jacket
rain pants
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row house
right-hand, adj
ranch-born, adj
rear-end, adj
red-tailed hawk
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rock pile
running board
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rib cage
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rib eye
race driver
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rock face
ridgeline
redwing blackbird
rimrock
rock field
rock slide
roof board

Springs, the (Twin Sulphur Springs)
sulfur
stickit
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skate wheel
spread-eagled
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Web site
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Also by Ivan Doig

Fiction

Bucking the Sun
Ride with Me, Mariah Montana
English Creek
The Sea Runners

Dancing at the Rascal Fair

Nonfiction

Heart Earth
Winter Brothers
This House of Sky
Mountain Time
A Novel
Ivan Doig
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to Liz Darhansoff

for all the safe safaris through the fine print
Mountain Time
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The Coast