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famous + powerful
movers ~~profs~~ + shakers. Not
sure we resolved all
issues pertaining to the
digital future - but
we did have a hell
of a good time trying!

Fondly -

David + Kate

PS I survived the lead:
THANK YOU!

Oct 31

Dear Ivan + Carol

I think you
whipped up all the
ingredients for a
perfect dinner party -
great friends, gorgeous
atmospheric effects
outside your window,
wonderful food -- and
a trove of juicy
stories about the



Thank You

* Note from copy-editor:
Alliteration, the use of the
same sound to begin multiple
words in a sentence or phrase,
should be avoided in excess.
Change to: "fun + entertaining
with really good food."

Dear Ivan + Carol -

It was a dark + stormy
night, but Chez Doug all
was convivial, companionable
and, comestible-wise, crackling good. *

Thanks, friends, and see
you both soon!

Fondly, David + Kate

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The Badgers of Ridgely +
Joseph made out like bandits.


Thanks for another
great evening. Gotta dash
out + delete all those
quotation marks from the
apys in progress -

Best -

David + Kate

Dear Iven + Carol -

11-6-10

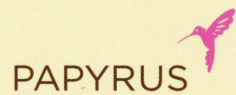
The good people of Bozeman
had to fly you out, feed you,
lodge you + pay you - but WE
got to enjoy the two of
you for free! With a great
cross dinner, piles of the highest
gossip, and invaluable literary
guidance thrown in. I'd say 

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Thank you



Merci



Gracias



Grazie




non-lit barge to
broadcast our
thanks to Satn of
you for such a
delightful evening --
and for being such
delightful friends.

So use your
imaginations -- and
conjure more spectacular
trunks than I can whip up!
Yours David + Kate

Oct 14

Dear Ivan + Carol -

After our musings
on creativity last night,
I feel that a
humble note is somehow
inadequate. At the
very least I
should compose a
song or perhaps
~~arrange~~ for a
arrange

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Thank you



Merci



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Grazie



Aug 16

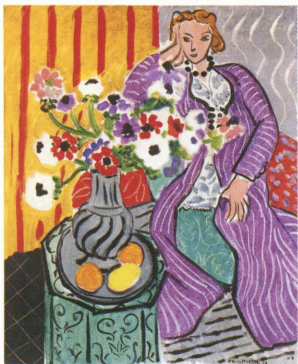
the magnificent
sunset -- or perhaps
the guests?

Whatever, it
was a special
evening and we
look forward to
many more.

Modestly,
David + Kate

Dear Ivan + Carol-

You two were
positively glowing last
night -- with health,
graciousness, wonderful
family stories, and
all around good cheer.
Was it the weather,
the home-grown grub,



Violet Dress and Anemones, 1937
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July 18

Dear Ivan + Carol-

You two really
know how to orchestrate
an evening -- summoning
breezes off the Sound,
timing the sunset to
accompany the raspberries,
getting the garden to
yield up all its colorful
bounty at once -- and
capping it all off with
a gift we'll cherish. Wow,
Hard to return to reality
on Ridgely Road after
a night with you two!

Thanks for all of it.

David + Kate



P.S. The much-maligned James Wood describes "free indirect style" as a narrative mode in which "the author describes the heroine's thoughts w/ such sympathetic agitation that the heroine seems to be writing the novel. In free indirect style, though narration is still in the third person, the heroine seems to flood the narration, forcing it onto her side."

Old hat, perhaps, for a couple of pros like you two - but neatly phrased, I think.
DL

Jan. 25
Dear Iven + Carol

A splash of color from a neighbor's garden to remind you that spring will come and all of our yards will be a buzz w/ bees + flowers. Meanwhile, what better way to enjoy the last of January than by feasting on ~~the~~ cubs, corn + fomettes w/ dear friends? Many thanks for the grub, the talk and the flowing toasts to the New Era!
Aventi... Fondly, David + Kate

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 La piazzetta Saint Marc - Aube
 The little Square of S. Mark's - Dawn
 Piazzetta S. Marco - Sonnenaufgang

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Italiane



Dear Ivan + Carol -
 Chatted with a
 waiter today -- in
 Italian of course --
 and was told that
 my Italian is much
 better than Rick
 Steves's, who evidently
 once ate at the place.
 Made my day! In short,

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having a fine time. David + Kate

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Robinson Jeffers at Hawk Tower, Tor House

Ivan & Carol,

I am writing to you as I
sit next to the ocean just below
Tor House, watching & listening to
the waves break against Jeffers'
coast.

One of Margorie's & my
great pleasures in Seattle has
been our growing friendship with
you two. Thanks for the great
support and great walks. We look
forward to more adventures.

Warmly
DAVID

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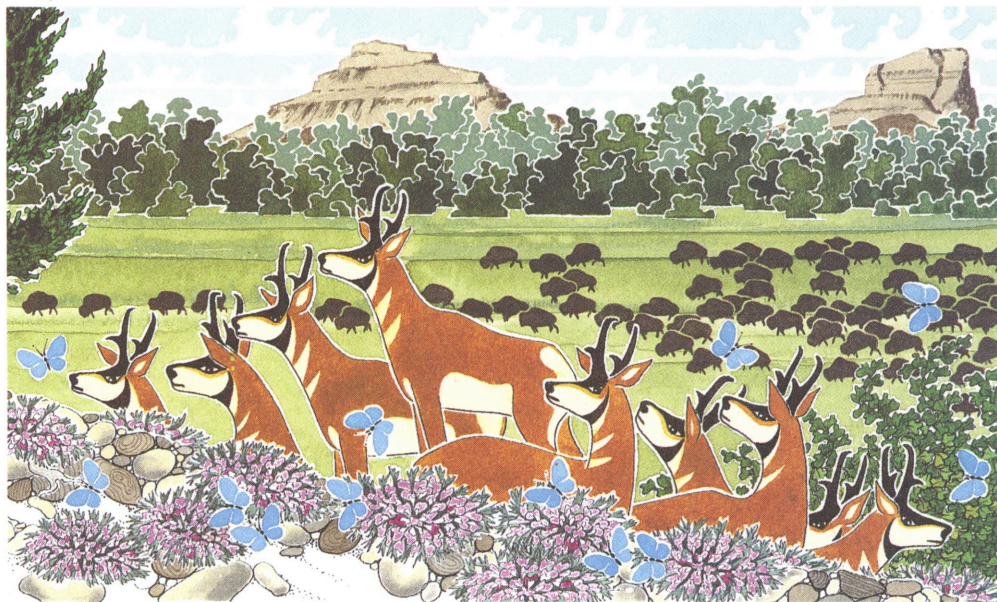
Grazie



Your pals +
loyal fans up
the hill-

David + Kate

Dear Ivan + Carol-
Whoever coined the
expression "what a crock"
clearly had never
dined chez Doug. Thanks
again for great grub,
conversation + enough
political heat to buoy
Obama well into his
first 4 years - let's
hope! If all goes well,
we'll celebrate here
on Nov. 21.



Oct 26, 2007

Dear Iven + Carol -

Many many thanks for
ushering me into my early
mid fifties with elegance, style
and roast beef. You two really
know how to make a budding geezer
feel special. I've installed my
lovely blue whiskey-water-holy oil vessel
with the Russian pottery ^{collection} and my
first edition of "Dancing" on my
night-stand -- treasures! See you soon.

Yours
David

2.-

PRONGHORNS

During the heat of the day the pronghorns seem to like to sit where there are small breezes on the prairie ridges. For their safety, the Creator gave them keen sight and speed, rather than camouflage.

An illustration from *Beyond The Ridge*, by Paul Goble, Bradbury Press, 1989.





March 9

Dear Ivan + Carol -

Movie deals, books on the horizon
(near + not so near), a clinched
sabbatical (the true meaning of academic
freedom): much to celebrate + cogitate
over chez Jois last night. Done
with style + pleasure + conviviality,
as always. As always, Thanks
much to you both. David + Kete

P.S. Don't be shy about trekking up the
hill if Calucio + Co. become unbearable!

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Thank You

Dear Iven + Carol-

What luck to have
friends like you to
feed me, water me + listen
to me vent after a long
day at the screen. Spuds
were first-rate -- company
the best -- it always is!

Much obliged - much refreshed -- ^{was}
ready for another long pull. Avanti! David

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May 13, 2010

Dear Ivan,

Writing a thank you note in response to a thank you note may be taking politeness to extremes, but that was one hell of a rousing pat on the back, kick in the pants, and, dare I say, premature crowning with laurels. I'm touched, I'm moved, I'm proud, I'm inspired – and with the devil bearing down full throttle at my back, I'm returning to work posthaste. But not before taking this precious moment to say I'm truly grateful to have you as a friend (and correspondent).

Best,

David

10 May '10

Larkin

Dear David and Kate--

What a great evening, and a grand meal. Perfect way for the grateful Doigs to end the week--big thanks, one more time.

An aside to David, if I may. I wasn't kidding when I said your great book awaits you, buddy. This story of your family has classic makings, as all those publishers who tried to buy it attested to with their checkbooks, right? What I probably didn't manage to say cogently enough is that I hope you'll clear the decks of everything you can stand to, and live with the book until it's gloriously done. I found with House of Sky and Heart Earth that there simply are dimensions, pathways, personality curlicues that are not necessarily encountered when you're not writing about your own kin; I'm pretty sure I never would have come up with "the lariat proletariat" if I hadn't been thinking really hard about my dad's life as a ranch hand, for instance. So it ends up taking more time and passion than our books without our own bloodline in them, in my experience. I always think back to a wonderful old guy I knew in Bozeman, Merrill Burlingame, who taught history at Montana State practically forever. Merrill heroically scooped in research material for MSU at any chance, most remarkably when he saved the WPA Montana Writers Project files as they were being loaded for the Butte dump, and I resorted to him a number of times for his caches. I remember he once wrote back, in sending me something from his trove, "Here you go. Write like the devil is chasing you." I don't know that either you or I needs urging to be productive, but Merrill was right that the devil is always out there, in lots of disguises, trying to get between us and what we're meant to be doing. Well, enough. Safe travels to Israel and graduations.

All best,

David Laskin

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January 5, 2009

Dear Ivan:

Well, you let me coerce you into being my Montana expert – and here's the price you have to pay for being so compliant. I'm sending along five scattered pages from the opus that deal with Montana – history, weather, landscape, etc. I'd be much obliged if you would cast a quick eye over the prose and alert me to errors, false notes, missed or misrepresented nuances, etc. I think you told me you're not all that familiar with Chinook, but I'm sure you know what it looks and "feels" like a whole lot better than this city boy.

Can't thank you enough – not only for this, but for being my daily inspiration down the hill. Somehow it keeps my nose to the grindstone to know that *your* nose is always there.

Can you believe the weather gods saw fit to dump even more snow on us? Even this weather nut is getting fed up. Basta, as we say in Italian.

Let's get a drinks/dinner date on the calendar soon. Em back in NYC, Alice landed in Paris a few hours ago – Sarah jets off to London on Saturday. We are the whirling dervishes.

Thanks, pal.

Best,

David

Thank You

Dear Ivan + Carol -

No relaxing shower or long walk was needed to Spark the insight that last night was truly a delight. Perfectly grown lettuce (ah, those tents), perfectly grilled chicken -- and of course the perfect hosts, I'd say ~~to~~ we best the heat in style. Many thanks!

Moss,
David + Kate

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Thank You

Feb 15

Dear Ivan and Carol-

Please accept our
gratitude for another terrific
evening chez Doig - roast
Beef! blueberries in winter! and

the chance to argue about
the conditional with my wife!
Couldn't ask for a finer night. Love from
David & Kate

CRANE & CO.

8 April '08

Larkin
Dear David--
^

Re your high-explosive shell explanation to the reader: I took a look at my buzz bomb situation, on the enclosed ms page, and see that I was able to use sound and point of view (Ben is a military war correspondent, thus a professional observer and writer, but he hasn't been around a buzz bomb before) to bracket the explanatory material into the story. (I also make use of breaks on the page, but I don't know if you non-fictioneers stoop to that.) I wondered if the different sounds of artillery shells might help you out. Your dead guy might not have heard the incoming shell, but the surviving soldiers of his unit would have and they might have differentiated that type of bombardment from the shrapnel-shell sort. I have a tickle of memory that a "screaming Mimi" was a WWI term for a certain shell, for instance, although maybe I'm confusing my wars. In any case, from everything I've read about guys in the front lines in either war they were very aware, and very slangy, about the kinds of weaponry being used against them. I've read somewhere the Marines in WWII ran green troops through a firing range with various Japanese weaponry going off overhead, to familiarize them with the different sounds.

So, just a thought. Looking forward to the Ballard night out.

9 Nov. '09

Lastin
Dear David--
^

I don't know if this is anywhere up your capacious alley, but I'm passing along the enclosed in case it might ever be a useful scrap in your travels or research or whatever. It was sent to me by my history grad school buddy, Mark Wyman (I think you were in touch with him once), whose wife Eva grew up in Chile, her family Jewish refugees there--if I understood Mark right, he and Eva commissioned a Stolperstein to commemorate those of her family who did not escape the Holocaust.

Wyman, like the rest of us, has a book coming out next year--Hoboes: Bindlestiffs, Fruit Tramps, and the Harvesting of the West.

See you around.

7 Feb. '10

Dear Kate and David--

Another enchanting evening--spuds, steelhead, bread straight from the oven, great talk, how do you do it? Thanks so much one more time. Here's hoping we can all soon celebrate book contracts to the deserving Davids.

David L., you mentioned gardening advice from me, which always begins with me saying to put seeds in the ground. Seriously, I'll be glad to talk over anything that might have to do with veggies, but here's a couple of planting dates that have worked for me: peas can be planted as early as Feb. 20 (unless it's been raining like a sonofabitch for days on end), and Chioggia beets probably better be in the ground by mid-April.

Talk to you soon, I hope.

16 Sept. '11

Dear David--

Saw the list of Washington State Book Award winners and you seem to be in good enough company. Mainly, it's heartening to see *The Long Way Home* reap some of the honor it greatly deserves. It's a heroic piece of work, and all of us eternally trying to figure out the intersection of history and literature are indebted to it and you.

Wanted to thank you and Kate, too, for the dessert that topped off the salmon bake so well for us and David and Marjorie. I don't know if you have talked cairns with him lately, but he was trying to figure out how to "fluff" a chapter or two, i.e. fretting that he had only two thousand words' worth of material but more space than that. Only belatedly have I thought I should have nudged him not to be thinking like a magazine writer and just bring in the kitchen sink if he has to.

News of Linda and Sydney, whom we had a happy, happy dinner with at Marcello. They had a dandy summer in London, Linda's at work on a new book of poems, and has had two--two!--accepted at *The Atlantic*. She's also been chosen the Solomon Katz Distinguished Lecturer, the one big gig UW humanities gives out. She'll speak about science in her poems, or maybe vice cersa, Nov. 15. Can't wait.

All's well with us. I'm about to see if Becky Saletan goes for the title *The Bartender's Tale*, and for that matter, the 400-page tale itself. Hey, we haven't hassled you lately about a title for your forthcoming opus. *Promised Lands*. No? Ah, well. Anyway, here's hoping Shakespeare's quill is tickling you under the chin.

All best,

1 Nov. '01

Dear David--
Larkin

Double thanks for bringing enough wine to fuel the crowd and the terrific bread besides, the other night. What a great bunch; reticence is no issue, eh? Re the e-books discussion, I thought you might like to see the Authors Guild's take on the situation, enclosed. Also, the next time we're together and have a bit of leisure, remind me of a benign kind-of wolf story I have from an experience with the Montana Department of Livestock, where as you'll hear the Doig name counts for something. I hope you and the ms are thriving. My opus comes back from Becky tomorrow, and we're in a bit of a wrestle about the title, although my agent has just weighed in on my side for *The Bartender's Tale*. Will keep you posted.

Best,

17 July '96

Dear David Laskin---

I'm just now getting untangled from the BUCKING THE SUN booktour, but it's time I thanked you for the Washington Post review--who'd have thought they'd seek out a reviewer from the same zipcode as the writer--and reported that your book on literary friendships was praised in turn, the other day, by a Shoreline College colleague of my wife; the colleague is drawing on your stuff for a session she does on friendships & memory.

Going to be in the lineup at the NW Bookfest in October? If so, let's be in touch, try to cross paths; hell, maybe even car-pool to it...

I hope your own words are prancing onto the page in fine style.

regards,



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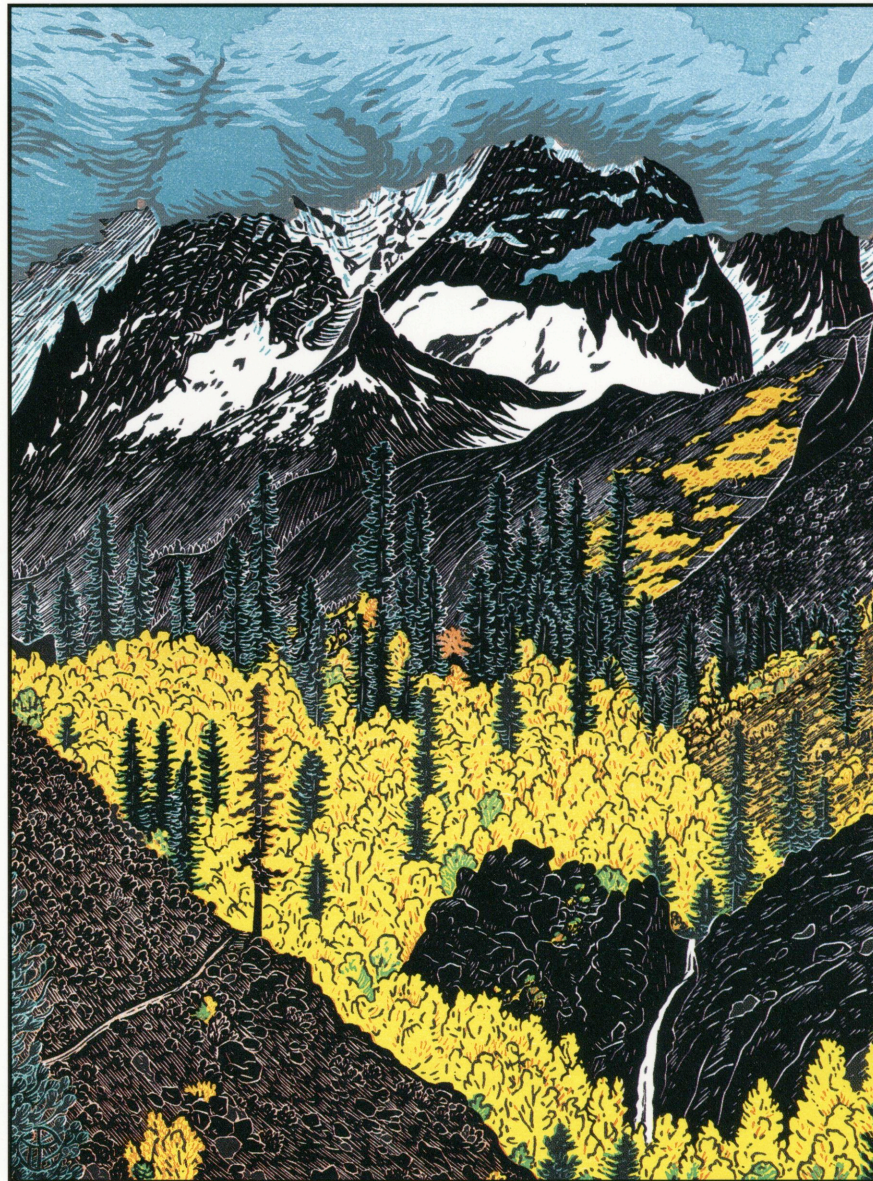


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Dear Ivan + Carol-

Many thanks for
another memorable evening!

First we demolished
the ridiculous president -
then we demolished the
sublime crab. How
fitting to end with
the already demolished
Mt. St. Helens cake -

Let's repeat soon -

Best,

David + Kate

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Doig-

I was deep into
This House of Sky

when I learned we
are neighbors in
Innis Arden (we're at
18757 Ridgely Rd) and
that our babysitter,
Jacki Tidland, is a
student of Mrs. Doig's
at Shoreline. So...
leaping off from these
coincidences, I have taken
the liberty of sending this.]
Would love to meet you in any case.

Sincerely, David Larkin

21 May '94

Dear David--

Just a quick line to say it's doubtful Carol and I can make it to your Elliott Bay reading--she's deep into trying to close down her teaching year, I'm on a spate of pages that need to be made for my next book--but thanks for thinking to ask us, and let's see if we can cross paths later on. All best wishes on A Common Life.

regards

From: carol doig <cddoig@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Transfusion
Date: December 13, 2014 2:30:58 PM PST
To: David Laskin <laskin.david@gmail.com>



I am now certifiably a red-blooded American, 2 pints topping me off. It was an ordeal, much longer than we were prepared for (nobody warned us it'd be 6+ hours) and I don't know if you've ever seen me furious, but Carol arrived from her medical appointment 45 minutes into the process to find me going wild because nothing had happened. Usually I have to coax her down off the ceiling in medical circumstances, so that was quite a switch. Things improved when the paperwork gauntlet was finally done, and the nurses started putting the red stuff in me. Oh man, it was a long time flat in bed with naught to do but a little reading and napping. Consequently, after supper when I had a yogurt for dessert I wondered whether it was mixed or not--and then hoped it wasn't so it would give me something to do!

Carol meanwhile was enfolded in hospitality by Mark and Lou Damborg 10 minutes away, companionship, drinks, grand supper etc., thank goodness.

Today I'm taking it easy, the new blood ought be kicking n so I'll have more energy. Weather has nicened (why isn't that a word to match worsened, huh?) and Carol has gone for a walk. we're looking forward to hyper-crockpotted soup for supper. Thanks humongously for all the chores you did. Hope all is going well with you in the Big Apple. Looking forward to hearing about it when you get back.

Best,
Ivan

On Dec 13, 2014, at 6:11 AM, David Laskin wrote:

Hey Doigs, let us know how it went and how you are. We are at seatac. See you Friday. David

Sent from my iPhone

From: carol doig <cddoig@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: revision to previous message
Date: December 7, 2014 3:55:44 PM PST
To: David Laskin <laskin.david@gmail.com>



The case of the sticky last page, eh? Carol and I were saying to each other, David doesn't get it!? Mucho relieved that el finale seems right to you.

Hey, we hope it's been a good day in the Windy City. Looking forward to hearing your adventures.

Best,
Ivan

On Dec 7, 2014, at 6:11 AM, David Laskin wrote:

Just found the final page -- stuck to the side of my briefcase. So Donal gets it all -- yes! Amazing how you kept us hanging on that till the end. I was up in the night wondering and worrying about the kid -- now I can sleep soundly (after my grueling day doing dog and pony show in chilly Chicago) knowing the boy is in good hands. So another round of bravi heaped on your worthy head, Ivan! David

From: carol doig <cddoig@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: howdy, is all
Date: September 13, 2014 10:11:02 AM PDT
To: David Laskin <laskin.david@gmail.com>



David, hi & good sunny morning--

Glad you're back to the good earth of Innis Arden. Ordinarily we'd snap up your chauff offer, but I'm still no ball of fire in the pharmaceutical aftermath, so we'll drive ourselves and be early coming and going, we don't want to crimp your socializing. Looking forward to gabbing with you, though.

Have bent my brain about the Kooser event, which on the one hand I'd love to go to, but on the other, I need to see what I'm in for, back to pharmaceutical life, when the doc goes through my blood readings after we get back from Bozeman etc. Please thank Jane for me and tell her I'm sorry not have made up my mind before now.

See you in a matter of hours.

Ivan

On Sep 12, 2014, at 5:23 PM, David Laskin wrote:

Ivan, howdy pardner. I'm back in the hood -- catching my breath and basking in the sun (even I find this weather hard to resist). Will regale you with stories (such as they are) of the never-ending tour tomorrow night since, yes, we will be there. We were contemplating a 6 PM arrival -- if that suits you two, I'm happy to chauff once again. I know you're gonna have a blast in Bozeman etc. -- very glad to hear the doc is giving you a medicinal reprieve. Let me know on driving tomorrow. Will be good to catch you both before you fly the coop. Sunburned but still standing, David

On Fri, Sep 12, 2014 at 3:20 PM, carol doig <cddoig@comcast.net> wrote:

David, hey and hi--

Just real quick, as we're mustering ourselves like crazy for our Bozeman-Yellowstone-Jackson Hole trip. Have lost track of where you are in the hemisphere, but hope you're knocking audiences over backwards in their chairs. If you and Kate happen to alight at David & Marjorie's shindig tomorrow night, we can try to catch up with your doings, OK? All is well enough here, Carol has planned our trip down to the last inch and my fearless doctor is letting me off medications for 2 weeks for it--am starting to feel like a human being again. Talk to you when we can--we're away the 15th to 19th.

vaya con dios, you betcha

Ivan

From: carol doig <cddoig@comcast.net>
Subject: catching up, and BIG favor request
Date: November 12, 2014 6:42:40 AM PST
To: david laskin <laskin.david@gmail.com>



David, hi--Got through the medical gauntlet after the abbreviated phone conversation--no great alarums there--and I wonder if you could give us quick phone head-up this morn whether you can do us about 20 min. of chores that I shouldn't be putting my back to and I'd like to spare Carol from:

--rolling our recycle bin onto to the street empty, then lugging out a couple of armloads of newspapers etc. which have built up on us during this sonofabitching back episode.

--wheeling our garbage can around the the south end of the garage, where we can cope with it tomorrow for pickup.

--and if you have time, a look at my suffering garden for a dab of (incredibly) watering in coldframes and maybe picking a collander of lettuce for us, depending on how it looks to us.

If you're available, 9:30 -10 or even a bit later would be ideal for us, as we have more Group Health doings this afternoon. Don't sweat it if you're NOT available, we'll make out somehow.

Best,
Ivan

From: carol doig <cddoig@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: the good news is
Date: November 19, 2014 7:10:30 AM PST
To: David Laskin <laskin.david@gmail.com>



David, good morning. How terrific it is that Wisdom's first reader, world premier on Ridgefield Road, thinks well of it.

Yup, I am deflating, lost five pounds yesterday, still eight or 10 to go. So the elimination medicine and a lot of time on the pot are working. The back is about the same, so I'd dearly appreciate your handling the garbage. We don't have any yard waste.

And how's your cold doing? When you get well enough, come share a conversation.

All best,
Ivan

On Nov 18, 2014, at 4:05 PM, David Laskin wrote:

I started "Wisdom" and a brilliant ray of light pierced my study. I can tell from just 5 pages that this is going to be classic Doig. Hope some of this effulgent light makes its way down the hill to brighten you both. See you Thursday (right?) for garbage haulage. Any change in the back? Did the miracle drugs do the trick and deflate you back to normal? David

From: David Laskin <laskin.david@gmail.com>
Subject: the good news is
Date: November 18, 2014 4:05:12 PM PST
To: Carol Doig <cddoig@comcast.net>

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From: carol doig <cddoig@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: the good news is
Date: November 19, 2014 1:37:40 PM PST
To: David Laskin <laskin.david@gmail.com>



David, hi--

Woohoo. as Donny on the bus would say, lamb stew. We'd love to have it, can you just bring it when you play garbageman?

Am finding some shaggy spots in the ms--things I overlooked while working at warp speed to get a full ms--and the biggest one is a repeated section, pp. 269-296, which can just be tossed. Once I get the ticks off the dog, as Flannery O'Connor called this part of the process, I think I'm still gonna be happy with how Wisdom reads.

Huge hanks for the home care tip. We may resort to it.

All for now. See you, stew-bearing, tomorrow--and big thanks gain.

Ivan

On Nov 19, 2014, at 8:30 AM, David Laskin wrote:

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Yup, I am deflating, lost five pounds yesterday, still eight or 10 to go. So the elimination medicine and a lot of time on the pot are working. The back is about the same, so I'd dearly appreciate your handling the garbage. We don't have any yard waste.

And how's your cold doing? When you get well enough, come share a conversation.

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Subject: Re: Need anything
Date: November 14, 2014 9:52:05 AM PST
To: David Laskin <laskin.david@gmail.com>



Bless you, David. We'd love to have the recycle bin returned to its place at the south side of the house. Any old time.

We're waiting now for an expedited MRI appointment, which will take us to Capitol Hill GH once again -- Maybe this afternoon but more likely Monday or Tuesday. Ivan's scheduled a phone visit with his oncologist for next Friday, and a lot of information should be available by then. Meanwhile, I'll run to Northgate GH to pick up a nasal spray that should help healing and strengthen bones. And I'm researching a new twin mattress set for him.

If you have time and we're around, stop for a cuppa or a drink. We're definitely in residence when we're not chasing medical.

Many thanks,
Carol

On Nov 14, 2014, at 9:42 AM, David Laskin wrote:

Hi friends,
Need any help? Heavy lifting? Wheeling garbage cans back to house? Any news from the docs? Keep me posted -- I'm around and happy to lend a hand as needed. Best, David

From the desk of...

Ms. Linda J. Sullivan

9/9/06

Ivan -

I knew you are brilliant
& accomplished but I didn't
appreciate how revered you
are! Thanks for making
Jeff & me a part
of your PT weekend —
it was wonderful to have
you & Carol there @ our
house. Come again soon,
and don't wait for an invitation.

Love, Linda



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[New York, NY]

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Dear Ivan,

Thank you so much for writing to High Country News on my behalf. I would be thrilled to work for them, and I really appreciate your taking the time to help me — those of us who are just starting out need all the help we can get!

I hope all is well in beautiful Shoreline, and thanks again. I'll let you know how everything turns out.

Best wishes,
Emily Laskin

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Many thanks from -
David + Kate

May 22

Dear Ivan and Carol -

Here's a bouquet of
Spring flowers to thank
you both for a
superb Spring evening.
I think we had it
all - sun, great food,
conversation on all things
under the sun, and of
course the best of
company. And the caper -
a copy of Ivan's new
book with a touching
inscription. Only thing missing -
a chance to take a pot
shot at a crow. Next time!



Dear Ivin + Carol,
NY - Rome - Venice -
Tuscany! But
first Casa Daig--
our favorite place
to go for
friendship, inspiration,

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home-cooking and literary
chit chat. Thanks again
for feeding + watering
us -- and for putting up
with the Alfred E.
Newminesque smile!
Best - David + Kate

ALMOND TARTLETS

Makes 12 tartlets

For the crust:

2¼ cups all-purpose flour

¾ cup sugar

1 cup heavy cream

1 egg yolk

In the work bowl of a food processor outfitted with a metal blade, combine the flour and sugar. Run the machine a few seconds. Stir the egg yolk into the cream. With the machine running, pour into the flour mixture and process until the dough forms a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate.

For the filling:

2 8-ounce cans almond paste

2 large eggs, beaten with a fork

2 teaspoons grated orange zest

Cut the almond paste into small pieces and place in the work bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Add the orange zest and one half of the beaten egg mixture. Pulse to combine thoroughly. Remove to a large bowl and with floured hands knead to make sure no lumps remain. Divide the almond paste mixture into 12 even pieces and shape each into a log 3½ inches long.

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Roll out the dough to about ¼ to ⅓ inch thick and cut into 12 pieces, each 2 x 4 inches. Butter a baking sheet and place the rectangles on the sheet and top lengthwise with an almond paste roll. Combine dough scraps and roll out ¼ inch thick. With a pie crimper or a knife, cut out 24 strips, each ½ inch x 3 inches. Brush some of the remaining egg mixture along the edges of the rectangles. Place two strips crosswise over each almond paste roll about an inch apart. Gently press strip and bottom crust together with your thumb and brush the strips with remaining egg. Trim the edges of the pastries, if necessary. Bake for 25 minutes, or until golden, turning the baking sheet once during this time. Cool on racks. Stored in an air-tight container, these tartlets keep well.



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Fondly -

David + Kate

June 7

Dear Iven + Carol -

We can thank
you both for another
great night of drinks
on the deck, superb
dinner and delightful
conversation. But there
are ~~no~~ no words of
gratitude sufficiently
eloquent to thank
you for the book
dedication. We



GAMBEL'S QUAIL

RAMONA LONE

Dear Carol and Ivan,

Thanks kindly for a first
rate Thanksgiving filled w/ food,
sun, fog, good conversation, and more
fog. Marjorie had such a fine that she
came home and slept for 12 hours.

We look forward to more weekend
walks. Wishing you a happy holiday season.

All the best,
Marjorie & David

RAMONA LOWE
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Dear Ivin + ~~the~~ Carol-

Al fresco Birthday
bash and intimate family
dinner overlooking the
Sound - I really hit
the big jackpot this
week. Many thanks
once again for feeding,

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Fondly-
David

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and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail
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or just read Laskin's story!



Thank You

Dear Ivor + Carol

Another corking good evening chez Doug - capped by a grand piece of medical news from Ivor.

We six have terrific chemistry, don't you think? Banter, gossip, blistering analysis of political idiocy - better company one couldn't find or ask for!

Wendy
David
Kate

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Dear Ivan + Carol -

Another splendid
evening chez Durs!

Thanks for feeding +
watering me + indulging
my agonizing over
fine points of the

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to write the damn
thing + let readers
figure out The
Meaning! Just think
of agonies to come
if I try fiction!
Thanks again! Fondly -
David

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this and Fort Assiniboine!

Thanks so much -

Best -
David + Kate