

216 W. Walnut St.
Lakeland, Fla.
Feb. 5, 1944

Miss Clare E. Wendel
The Albertson Public Library
Orlando, Fla.

Dear Miss Wendel:

Miss Fish of the Frederick A. Stokes Co. has referred your letter of Jan 26th to me, as I retain all rights to my books.

I shall be glad to allow you to use OCEAN-BORN MARY in a non-commercial library broadcast, providing you use only a small portion of the book for dramatizing or reading, and that you accompany it with a recommendation to hearers to secure and read the whole. If your broadcast can be arranged in such a way as to suggest the exciting conclusion to the plot, without telling it, this is often a good device for sending hearers to the book - to find out for themselves what the ending is.

Neither the publishers nor author allow the reading of entire books, even with the payment of a fee; and this implies also the telling of the entire plot, because it would prevent the reading of the book.

In either case, dramatizing or reading, no liberties are to be taken with the text, particularly the conversations, which are to be given verbatim as they appear in the book. Abridgement is allowed, but no alteration of text.

As I am wintering here in Lakeland, perhaps you will let me know when you plan the broadcast. I suppose it might be possible to get your station over the radio here. I should be interested to see what you do with the story.

You may be interested to know that I am gathering Florida material in this vicinity, which I hope some day not too far distant may shape itself into a book.

With best wishes for your broadcasts,

Sincerely,

Lois Lenski

P. S. It is understood that name of book, author and publisher be plainly announced at both beginning and end of the broadcast.