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M.T. Anderson
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Dear Mr. Anderson,

After reading your book, *Jasper Dash and the Flame Pits of Delaware*, it is my sincere hope that you ~~never choose our state as a setting for a book ever again~~ enjoy tremendous success with this latest installment in your "Pals in Peril" series.

I am certain that the adventures of Jasper, Lily, Katie and Drgnan Pghlik will ~~lead to a great deal of geographical and cultural confusion among Delaware school children~~ serve as a valuable lesson in how to have fun with fiction!

Special thanks for including my mailing address on page 92 for those who wish to address inaccuracies in your representation of Delaware. We look forward to ~~shipping all of these letters straight back to you, buster~~ cheerfully answering each and every letter we receive from your curious and diligent readers.

I hope you will accept my sincere invitation (I'm being serious about this part) to visit our state again. My wife Carla and I would be delighted to have you as a guest for dinner at the Governor's Mansion. Please contact my scheduling secretary at (302) 744-4101 if you are able to divert from your usual toll-booth-only tour of the First State to visit us in Dover. We'll set you straight on all things Delaware.

In the meantime, please accept this book about Delaware as a small token of our appreciation for bringing ~~embarrassment~~ attention to our fine state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Markell".

Jack Markell
Governor of Delaware