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Your Claimant Number is 090824

Dear Mrs Boyd

PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT PAYMENTS FOR 1992/93

The Public Lending Right Scheme, which is part of the Federal Arts portfolio, has moved to the new Department of the Arts and Administrative Services. The PLR Scheme will continue to function as it has previously, with the PLR Committee playing an important role in promoting the interests of Australian creators, publishers and libraries.

PLR represents one of the largest Federal Government payments to the arts. PLR payments for 1992/93 will total more than \$3.7 million. The PLR Committee is pleased that PLR payment rates have increased by almost 6% this year. The 1992/93 PLR payment rate for books held in public libraries is \$1.06 for each copy. The number of copies is an estimate based on the results of a survey of public libraries conducted in December 1992.

Your Payment

You will receive a cheque from the Department of Finance in the next few days. This cheque, for the amount of \$1233.84 is your Public Lending Right payment for this year as an eligible recipient of deceased authors' PLR. The details of your payment are printed on the next page. On the reverse of this page you will find some information to help you understand how your payment has been calculated.

Contacting PLR

In the next few weeks the PLR Office will be moving to the address printed below. If you have any queries about your PLR entitlement, you can contact PLR on (06) 274 1364.

On behalf of the PLR Committee I wish you all the best for the coming year. If you have any suggestions about the Scheme, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Warren Horton
Chair, PLR Committee

The Public Lending Right Scheme

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INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PLR PAYMENT

Each book title you have registered with PLR is listed separately. However, claims registered since October 1992 may not be included. Claims that were received too late for the 1992/93 Program have been registered for the 1993/94 Program, as have books first published in 1992.

BRN This is the Book Record Number allocated by PLR. It identifies your book in the PLR database.

TITLE This is a short title listing only. If you have registered other versions of this title, e.g. hardcover and paperback editions, they will be registered and counted with this title. Please advise PLR if one of your titles is re-published with a new International Standard Book Number.

EST. SCORE This is the estimated number of copies of this title when it was last surveyed. Where less than 50 copies are estimated, no payment is made. For some books, all editions (and all scores) have been consolidated into one entry.

% ENTITLED This is your percentage entitlement for this book. If you are the sole creator, your entitlement will be 100%. If you are a joint creator, your entitlement will be based on your share of royalty entitlements.

PAYMENT DUE This amount is your entitlement for the book and is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of copies by the rate. Payment is made only when the estimated number of copies is 50 or more.

TOTAL DUE Total amount due for the 1992/93 Program.

If a comparison is made with the results of previous years, the following should be taken into account:

- For some books, all editions (and scores) have been consolidated to calculate the payment.
- Payments for individual books may vary from year to year for a number of reasons.
- The annual survey of libraries does not count every book in every public library. A sample of public libraries is surveyed each year and the estimates of copies Australia-wide are calculated from the survey results. The National Library, State libraries and libraries in educational institutions are not surveyed.
- The composition of the library sample changes each year. Libraries are selected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- Bookstocks in libraries may change as books wear out, and are replaced by other books.
- New books are surveyed annually for three years after the year of publication, to allow books to establish themselves in public libraries e.g. a new book published in 1992 will be eligible for the 1993/94 PLR Program.
- Other books, provided they score at least 50 copies, are surveyed every three years. This helps to reduce survey costs. Changes in scores and payments may therefore reflect changes that have occurred over a three year period, and not a sudden drop from one year to the next.