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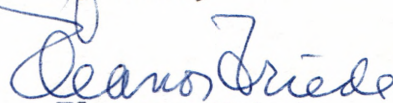
Dear Mrs. Fraiberg;

We are going ahead with Pat Coffin's lovely 1,2,3, 4,5,6 Book, hopefully for publication later this year, and I hope by now you have received the check for your good contribution. If not, please let me know.

Our Contracts Department needs a formal letter from you which gives us the legal right to use your Foreword in the book. I enclose a letter of consent which with your signature will do it.

Many thanks.

My best,



Eleanor Friede
Senior Editor

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Mrs. Selma H. Fraiberg
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Dear Mrs. Fraiberg,

This will acknowledge receipt of your Foreword to Pat Coffin's Book entitled 1,2,3,4,5,6: HOW TO UNDERSTAND AND ENJOY YOUR CHILD DURING THE YEARS THAT COUNT for an honorarium of \$350.

Will you please confirm your agreement to include this Foreword in the book by signing this letter and returning it to us.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Friede
Eleanor Friede
Senior Editor

As agreed: Selma H. Fraiberg

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Mrs. Selma H. Fraiberg
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Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

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FOUR WORD RECEIVED AM DELIGHTED WITH IT AND DEEPLY GRATEFULL

PAT COFFIN.

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*Dear Pat —
Just received this. Thought
you'd like a copy for your files.
I am grateful too that you
liked the four word — S.*

*Copy
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to Pat
11/30/71*

LOOK

COWLES MAGAZINES INC. Look Building, 488 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y., MURRAY HILL 8-0300

PATRICIA COFFIN, Editor, Special Departments

Nov. 26th, 1971

Dear Selam Fraiberg,

Just so you don't get frustrated should you want to reach me I will be in New York the week of the 29th at [REDACTED] mornings (between nine and ten) and evenings (after seven). It is my daughter's apartment and you can call me collect.

However, please adress any written matter to [REDACTED] Connecticut address.

I hope all is well and that you had a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Pat Coffin

[REDACTED]

Please forgive Sygas - no secretary -

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PATRICIA COFFIN
Editor, Modern Living Department
(212) 750-7148

Nov. 3rd, 1971

Dear Mrs. Fraiberg,

Macmillan have at last told me that the deadline is the end of this month. And at that this means August publication (with a condensation in PARENTS in April, May and June as of now).

I hope this deadline gives you the leeway that you need with all your other pressures. I hope too that you felt good about the revised Introduction and changes and corrections I made regarding your quotes.

Macmillan has agreed to a \$350 Honorarium.

How is your daughter?

Sincerely,



Patricia Coffin (Lindsay)
Route 139

I plan to make this my headquarters until the first of the year.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

October 15th, 1971

Patricia Coffin
Editor, Modern Living Dept.
LOOK
488 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Miss Coffin:

I^{ve} had a chance to review your text and I find it lively, with a good personal tone, one that speaks very directly to parents in a parent's voice, and I rather like the way you as reporter-mother examined professional points of view and then firmly took your own stand which, of course, is exactly what parents must do.

I think I could consider writing your introduction and would rather like doing it if I can find the time. As I mentioned to you at the Vineyard this is a period of very high pressure here at our Project. After you read the rest of this letter perhaps you can reach me by phone and we can talk further about this.

In the meantime, while reading the text I found some occasions where I was quoted out of context which leaves the reader puzzled without context, and some occasions when words were attributed to me in direct quotes which are actually not in my text. I

I thought I would run through these with you.

Before I start I should mention that the pronoun problem which must be 'she' for your child becomes very troublesome throughout the text when your references are clearly male and female. It's the only jarring note and although you yourself apologize for it at the beginning I wonder if it doesn't draw more attention to itself than you want.

Now to move along in the text.

On page 15, you say "a child first experiences anxiety when she learns to love. Here is a riddle for the poets comments Dr. Selma Fraiberg in The Magic Years." (Without the context which gives us love and the fear of losing the loved person, I don't think the reader could get the point. Also, by the way, I am Mrs. Fraiberg, not Dr. Fraiberg but thank you for the gratuitous doctorate.)

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On page 18, "I am in favor, says Fraiberg, of restoring discipline to its ancient and honorable sense, training that develops self-control and character. An unloved child she says had no incentive to be good whereas a loved child seeks her parents' favor. Punishment is a temporary withdrawal of that love." I check the text (this is on P. 244 of the British edition and I think it's the same in the American but I don't have the American edition at the office), and this quote is inexact. I said, "I am in favor of restoring the word discipline in its ancient and honorable sense. It is teaching, education, and when employed for child rearing it should have the significance of education of character." And then I go on to speak of discipline as education, making learning possible. Nor did I say that an unloved child has no incentive to be good whereas a loved child seeks her parents' favor. Although this may be generally the outcome I would never want to leave parents with the impression that any time a child is naughty it is because he is unloved. What I actually said on that page was, "The child cooperates in his training because he wants parental love and approval and he feels parental disapproval as a temporary withdrawal of affection and esteem."

On page 19, you say "a nursery school throck-thrower needs to be taught guilt, continues Fraiberg, whereas the pre-school temper tantrum need not insure guilt." I didn't say this. These are not direct quotes and the meaning of the sentence as you have phrased it does not come through clearly.

On page 53, your sentence, "Your child's future mental outlook depends on how she solves the ogre problem, as Dr. Selma Fraiberg calls it." That, of course, is a condensation and again I think it doesn't come through clearly. What I said is that it is not the presence of ogres in the child's life that we need to be concerned about, but how he solves the ogre problem. (I can't find this in the text for exact quotes.)

Page 58. Your statement "Fraiberg calls it the reality principle as opposed to the pre-verbal or pleasure principle," does not follow your preceeding sentences. That is, the magical "ma-ma-ma-ma" is not the reality principle. I am not clear about your point here.

Page 77. "How the new generation will handle parenthood I don't know," and quoted Mrs. Fraiberg, "I still prefer to see the man as the head of the house." We can vary this perhaps. Many combinations are possible. Margaret Mead would know." I remember our discussion at the Vineyard on this. All that I meant was that there were cultures in which such variations appeared (and Margaret Mead would know, and had indeed addressed herself to these differences), but the sentence as it appears in your text (and who knows, perhaps was close to what I had said) gives the impression that I am supporting these variations which, I am not. What I said is really not very valuable in this context. I propose we just delete it. If it is a point that you need to stress and you need something from me I would try to find another way of phrasing it.

Page 79. Again you have put something in quotes that I have not said. "If you don't believe in afterlife let your child understand at an early age that death is the end." This is your paraphrasing and I think in my own text I put it less bluntly. This has a way of leaping out of the page and making me sound arbitrary. when, in my own text, I had put this more indirectly in relation

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to a specific instance. But now as I read this over I remember that we had discussed that at the Vineyard and you were probably using our interview and not my text. In the Magic Years this is discussed on page 273-277. Could we say something like this, "If you don't believe in an afterlife I think you can share this with your child even at a young age and help him come to grips with an understanding that death is an end."

Please tell Dionis that I loved her comments and I think her mother was inspired to invite Dionis to react to this text.

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With warm regards,

Selma Fraiberg
Professor of Child Psychoanalysis

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PATRICIA COFFIN
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September 21, 1971

Rec'd. 9/30/71

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Dear Dr. Fraiberg,

I'm sure you have heard about the demise of LOOK Magazine. It is very sad for all of us. There was a special quality to this place -

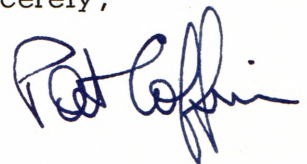
Anyway, I wanted you to know that this does not affect my book, "1,2,3,4,5,6 -- How to Understand and Enjoy Your Child During the Years That Count."

I am hoping that when you see the text and pictures you will want to write that foreword. I am quite excited about what developed during the writing (which I did in two and a half weeks on Nantucket, locked in a shack.) I will say no more.

You will be getting a large bundle the end of next week which will contain Xeroxes of the pictures and the manuscript. I can be reached at LOOK until October 15th. As I told you I am not looking for a long piece of writing. Three hundred words saying how you feel about the book and the service it will render mothers, the guide to the experts such as yourself, the very human rather than clinical approach to the stages a child goes through, would be about it.

I hope you like it.

Sincerely,



Dr. Selma Fraiberg
University of Michigan Hospital
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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will arrive
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August 18, 1971

Dear Dr. Fraiberg,

I did so enjoy meeting you and your husband. And what a pleasant way to conduct an interview. I'm sorry I missed the third member of your family, your daughter.

I am delighted that you like the idea of the book: "1,2,3,4,5,6 - How to Understand and Enjoy the Years that Count." I must have it in to Macmillan by September 30th. I can send you a zerox of the text and photostats of the layouts instead of waiting for the proofs about that time. It should not take long to read (compared to the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Boston's 730 pages on PREGNANCY, BIRTH AND THE NEWBORN BABY, the manuscript for which I just received). And it should not take long for you to write a 200 word Foreword if you like the book. Macmillan is prepared to pay an honorarium.

I will be c/o Mellin, Quidnet, Nantucket until September 7th.

Sincerely,



P.S. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of The Gruesome Green Witch. Promise to read it!

Dr. Selma Fraiberg
Flanders Lane
Menemsha
Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

201 East Catherine Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

June 14, 1971

Mrs. Patricia Coffin
Look Magazine
488 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Mrs. Coffin:

Thank you for your letter. Unfortunately Mrs. Fraiberg is out on sabbatical and will not be returning to the office until late summer. I am sure she will be pleased to have your letter upon her return.

Sincerely,

Lily Ladin
Child Development Project

LL/amw

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May 26, 1971

Dear Dr. Fraiburg,

I am one of thousands who have enjoyed and benefitted from your book THE MAGIC YEARS. And let me add that, as an editor, I delight in the way you write and quote the children, letting them speak for themselves.

I am preparing a special issue of LOOK for later this year on THE AMERICAN CHILD. We did one on THE AMERICAN FAMILY earlier and met with great success on many levels. I enclose a copy.

One of the leading stories in THE AMERICAN CHILD issue is to be a pictures-plus-text piece on "The Vital Years -- from One to Six." The pictures will come from a series I did on my own daughter from the age of one until she was six. Without the benefit of scientific advice I recorded her growth and development at each stage in five or six page picture stories, quoting her liberally from the very beginning. Being a normal child she reflects: how wonderful it is to be ONE, all is fresh and fascinating...TWO is the age of curiosity, independent as a hoglet on ice one minute and a clinging whine the next...THREE is the age of make-believe, having to be responsible for things like putting toys away she retreats into fantasy... at FOUR she had a lot of colds proving that between the ages of two and six children average seven colds a year... at FIVE she is an effervescent conformist...SIX is the age of reason, "what's the reason, Mummy?"

I would like to show you this series and ask for some comments from you about points that are made by the pictures. Will you be in or near New York at any time next week or after July 1st? Where will you be spending the summer? Will you give me an interview? Have you a new book coming out?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Selma Fraiburg
University of Michigan Medical School
Ann Arbor, Michigan. 48103

Patricia Coffin

(see P. 2)

P.S. I am wondering if "The Laughing Tiger" episode could be made into a cartoon strip.

P.P.S. I am unable to find a book of the calibre of THE MAGIC YEARS concerning the six to twelve year old child. Can you recommend anything to me?