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Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for sending me Zora Hurston's book, JONAH'S GOURD VINE. I have been interested in her for a number of years, and I am delighted that she has been able to publish this novel.

I confess that I do not think as highly of it as do some of the critics. It is interesting and convincing as a picture of negro life, but I found a good deal of it rather hard reading,-largely because of the dialect -, and I do not feel that it quite succeeds in its more tragic moments.

Believe me

Sincerely yours,