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*Don't return this -*

Miss Eudora Welty  
Jackson, Miss.

My dear Miss Welty:

Miss Clyde Smith, Librarian of the Olivia Raney Library of Raleigh, has suggested to me that I write you for some information and advice. Miss Smith said that she hoped you would not feel that she had been presumptuous in doing this.

*watch out!*

I want any suggestions or any criticisms which you might feel like you could make - and frankly. I may have no real writing talent whatsoever, but I do have the urge strongly, and the desire. I have finished only a Junior College, and that was fifteen years ago. My work in school was considered above the average, and my English teacher at that time insisted that I specialize in short story writing and journalism, but I didn't. Now, in my middle age I feel that I want to start all over again and write something that will really be worth while, but where do I begin? When our colleges open in Raleigh in September I am thinking of taking some courses in English Literature, and maybe something in Short Story Writing. The schools are of course closed now and therefore I have not been able to discuss anything with them. I know that I have a great deal of studying to do, and much work, but the thing of it is that I don't know how to go about even trying to learn, and it is for this reason that I am writing you. If and when I ever write, I want it to be something that I will be proud of, and I want to make it my profession.

There is a long road ahead of me but I am anxious to get started on it, and I am going to love it, and I want to feel that some day the world (or our world) will be glad that I took that road. You see, I am just a bit "cocky" and I believe in my self, and I think that I am capable of accomplishing things.

Just anything that you might have to say to me will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Geraldine Pelletier*

*So look at her. I sent her a stern answer*