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Dear David:

Look at this list of university press bestsellers from the latest issue of *Library Journal*--you are number 13! Another sign of how nicely *Bridge of Longing* did in hardcover. Now on to the paperback!

About the paperback: our policy is, when reprinting for paperbacks, to make essential corrections, correcting misspellings and errors; we do not, though, make the kind of changes that come under the category of revisions. Fiscal considerations play a large role here, as you will guess: the cost of line corrections (including editorial, typesetting, and proofing time) quickly mounts; and most of our paperback printruns are relatively small--we don't have the luxury of spreading our costs over big runs. The policy has editorial logic as well: these are reprints in paperback format, after all, not revised editions. In the case of your book, we did make the straightforward corrections you sent Anita--but did not make the changes you proposed that we judged to be revisions. I am genuinely sorry that the policy leaves you unhappy about some spots in your paperback; but please believe me when I say that it is because of such policies that we can maintain a healthy paperback program.

How nice to hear that you will be teaching here in the spring--I look forward to seeing you often.

Sincerely,



Margaretta Fulton
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