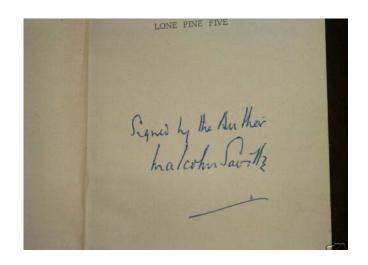
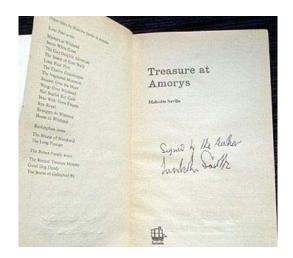
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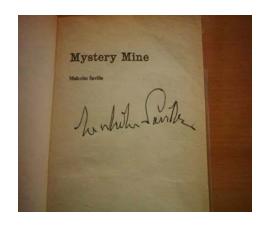
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Holroyds, Barcombe, Lewes, Sussex.

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5th December, 1960.

A. E. L. Cook, Esq., 134, Chairborough Rd., High Wycombe, Bucks..

Dear Mr. Cook.

Thank you for your letter which far from being presumptuous gave me very great pleasure. I do get a great many letters from children, but those from discriminating adults are particularly welcome! How very kind of the four of you to acknowledge that my work has given you so much pleasure through the years. I appreciate this very much.

I do get a few requests from time to time for the Lone Piners to grow up, and most of these come from girls and I think this is a very healthy sign! They want to know, of course, whether David and Peter, Penny and Jon, Tomman and the incurably romantic Jenny are eventually going to get happily married.

I am beginning to think that fifteen Lone Pine books will be quite enough, so that in the last two we must get some of these youngsters settled. The trouble up to now has been that the irritating twins are so popular with young readers that many of them start reading the Lone Pine books at the age of nine, and I do not think that children under the age of about twelve are very much interested in romance. I must, as a professional, keep my readers as long as possible, so I have been trying to compromise.

Anyway, my thanks to you all, and my very best wishes - together with those of the Lone Piners - to you for Christmas and in case you would like to know something about my other books I am sending you lists of them all.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Saville.

Holroyds, Barcombe, Lewes, Sussex.

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30th October, 1962

Anthony E. L. Cook, Esq., "St. Nicholas", 134 Chairborough Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

Dear Mr. Cook,

Your friendly letter made my day last Friday, and I do want to thank you for writing as you have done.

Of course I am glad to know that my "Country" and "Seaside" books have given pleasure, and I can assure you that I would like to be able to write more books of this sort, but the Book Trade is not easy in these days and I expect I shall have to wait a year or two before my publishers are ready to go ahead with another of these delightfully produced books.

Obviously I am very pleased that you have enjoyed "Not Scarlet but Gold". I have had one or two letters of criticism from boys, but nothing but enthusiasm from girls, so I think we can take it that Peter and David are reasonably settled now!

I intend my next Lone Pine book to be about Jon and Penny because I would rather like to do another Lone Pine story against my own Sussex background, and then we will just have to see whether the series is to go on. I am sure we cannot follow the older hero and heroine into matrimony, but there isn't any real reason why we now can't go back in time and perhaps give a special story or two to Jenny and Tom, and even perhaps to the twins, who will have to grow up some time.

In the spring of next year I have got a new book coming out in the Buckinghams series, and I am wondering whether you have read the first three - "The Master of Maryknoll", "The Buckinghams at Ravenswyke" and "The Long Passage". The new one will be called "A Palace for the Buckinghams" and it is mainly a London story with a different, but I hope agreeable, hero and heroine. It would be nice to know what you think of it as you are such a Lone Pine enthusiast.

My best thanks again to you, your wife and your friends who have stayed by me for so long, and I can only add my hope that I am going to give you all some more pleasure for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Saville

Little Toft, 28 Hartfield Road, Seaford, Sussex Seaford 4349

October 23, 1967.

A.C.L. Cook, Esq.,
"St. Nicholas",
134 Chairborough Rd.,
High Wycombe, Bucks.

Dear Mr. Cook,

Your letter of October 15th, which has been forwarded to my more recent address has given me great pleasure - and certainly plenty of encouragement.

I am not sure how far you have got in the "Lone Pine" saga but from what you say I am wondering whether you have read THE MAN WITH THREE KINGERS which deals with the romance of Tom and Jenny to whom I have become very attached over the years.

Let me say at once that I am under contract to write at least two more "Lone Pine" books and it may be that I shall start the 17th some time next year, but I am not at all sure what the theme will be. I suppose it should deal with Jon and Penny but I got myself in a rather silly mess with them in the early days because they are cousins. Perhaps you and your friendly critics could give me some advice about this?

I must confess I doubt if young readers to-day, would be very interested in how the "Lone Piners" face up to many of the serious problems of the late 1960's. As you know, I have always been keen on stressing the eternal verities and family relations -but we shall see, and I may get an idea which will start me off again within the next few months.

I was very flattered to hear that you all felt that the series is not really dated. I had realized this and it is a fact that children are extemely conservative, even about illustrations to their stories. I actually had a letter the other day from a child who said how much she liked the pictures in MYSTERY AT WITCHEND.

And talking of WITCHEND, which is very obviously the one that does date, you may be interested to know that although this was published in 1943 it is still selling as many copies each year as any other of the titles except the latest.

I think you will also be interested to know that by the end of next year almost all the "Lone Pine" books will be in paperback.

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Four are now published by "Armada", but these will be taken over by the Paul Hamlyn Group who now control George Newnes and are published in soft covers with very much more upsto-date illustrations. LONE PINE FIVE and SAUCERS OVER THE MOOR have just appeared.

I don't think many children over 12 are reading "Lone Pine" books now but of course they do start on the series at a much younger age than they did in the 1940's. For this reason therefore, I have started a new series of Secret Service thrillers in which the youngest characters are of undergraduate age and I should very much like your opinion on these. Again I have been surprised by the fact that some children of eleven and twelve enjoy them but I have started writing about Marston Baines and his young friends because I believe that the young adolescent needs something of this sort. COME TO LONDON has been well received by the critics but as you so truly say, authors cannot live on books borrowed from Public Libraries.

For younger children I have just written STRANGE STORY which will be published next week. This too is an experiment.

Thank you again for your letter and with every good wish to you and your friends.

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Little Toft, 28 Hartfield Road, Seaford, Sussex

November 19th, 1968

Dear Mr.Cook,

Thankyou for your letter of the 13th, Nov.

I was most interested to read of your work and, of course, it seems admirable that anyone to-day should think it worth while to interest children in books.

I'm not at all sure that Publishers supply all their authors with Publicity material - in fact I think it extremely doubtful. I rather exceptional because I have always encouraged readers to write to me and, up to a point, I suppose that it has paid off. BUT, expenses of production etc. are going up all the time and Publishers are desperate in their attmpts to keep prices down. The truth is that the demand for children's fiction is declining except in the paperback market. People in this country do not BUY enough books. They will borrow them!

LONE FINE is a problem. I am writing a new one now but all 16 of the previous hardbacks are now out of print and I have had to change Publishers and am now going to Collins. This will be fine in a year or so as by October 1969 there will be the new one and hardback reprints of five old ones. And gradually all the L.P's will go into ARMADA paperbacks. At present there is no Publicity material for this series available but it might be possible to send out some duplicated sheets or something of that sort but all depends on the Publisher's willingness to supply it. Anyway I send you samples of what I am sending out at present and if any of it is of interest let me know and I will tell who to approach. STRANGE STORY published by Mowbrays should be a winner but I don't suppose they have got many of these leaflets left. But your proposition might well interest them very much and they might do you a special leaflet. I just don't know. Heinemanns might play also. And Brockhampton might send you some of those blue leaflets about their Knight Books. If you like to try them I can tell you to whom you should write.

Just look all this through and let me know what you think and I'll help you further if I can.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

From MALCOLM SAVILLE, LITTLE TOFT, 28 HARTFIELD ROAD, SEAFORD, Sussex Author of the Lone Pine Books

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8th February 2006

Dear Dr Bigger,

I found the enclosed in my first edition copy of "Home To Witchend" (P/B) and thought it worth sending to join the other letters I sent to you some year or so ago.I think I had written to MS to ask why this book had been issued in paperback rather than hardback?.

Sincerely,

Anthony, E. L. Cook

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Copy of let**be**r to Malcolm Saville

141 Workton Lane Kettering Northants 5th January, 1980

Dear Mr. Saville.

I am taking this opportunity to thank you very much indeed for writing the Lone Pine stories. In the last few months, especially, they have come to mean a lot to me; the characters have become real people and the events true happenings in which I shere. I like to consider myself the tenth Lone Piner.

You could not possibly imagine how much I wish that these stories are truely real and that I was involved with them. I thank you again, for dedicating some of the books "to all Lone Piners of all ages everywhere." I find consolation in that I am being considered as a Lone Piner by someone other than myself. Please, if you do reply to this letter, could you tell me how to call the c ry of the pee-wit? I would then feel really complete.

One particular characteristic of the Lone Pine adventures is the tremendous emition and unsaid feeling that bonds the Lone Piners together, and which shows more than just loyalty. You and I will think espedally of Peter and David, brought to a height in "Home to Witchend". Another one, of many factors about these stories, that I love and admire, is the way that the reader is able to recognise a criminal or friend by the description given of him or her in previous adventures. For example, I was able to recognise Madame Christabel as the Ballinger as soon as Lucinda Gray opened the boutique in "Lone Pine London".

In "Home to Withhend" to be the last of the series? I certainly do not hope so but you seem to have left the story with such a perfect ending, if this was your intention. Somehow, I think that I should resent Kevin, Brock, Nickolas and Fenella at first, for I share Peter's view of many months ago in "The Secret of Grey Walls", when she wondered if the intrusion of Jon and Penny would spoil the club for her. I, too, like Peter, have fair plaits and dream vidadly of past events and of future happenings. However, the club will always be as alive for me as it is for Dickie and Mary, for no matter who joins, it is the spirit of the Lone Pine that is important. Davic Dickie, Mary, Jon, Penny and Peter will, though, slways be closest to me since the first few books that I read deal with their adventures.

I hope that you realise that I feel more deeply about the Lone Piners than I could ever express. I hope, too, that I have not been presumptious in telling you this and please do reply to my letter.

Yours loyal, MELANIE CROUCH (age 14)

From Malcolm Saville, Westend Farmhouse, Wheathampstead, St. Albans, Herts.

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From MALCOLM SAVILLE, LITTLE TOFT, 28 HARTFIELD ROAD, SEAFORD, Sussex Author of the Lone Pine Books

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Malcolm Saville,

Little Toft, 28 Hartfield Road, Seaford, Sussex.





Dear Tony

Thank you for your application to join the original LONE PINE CLUB. I am sorry to tell you that since this invitation was made in some of the older editions of the Lone Pine stories it has been decided to close the Club in that particular form. This is because the many new and enthusiastic readers of the Lone Piner's adventures prefer to start their own Lone Pine Clubs amongst their own friends, so that between them they can save up and buy the books for themselves. Some of these local Clubs make up their own secret code for sending messages to each other, and some have been responsible for organizing events which have raised money for such worthy causes as "Shelter" and local Charities.

The list on the back of this letter is no longer quite up-to-date, but the green leaflet I enclose gives full details of the 18 Lone Pine adventures, 12 of which are now in paperbacks. I am also sending you an Order Form for these.

For a few months the hardbacks are more difficult to get because the demand for them has been so heavy, but I would like you to know that with the latest adventure, STRANGERS AT WITCHEND, Collins have also published splendid new editions of RYE ROYAL, LONE PINE LONDON and THE ELUSIVE GRASS-HOPPER. These are ready now and can be ordered through Bookshops at 13/- (65 p.) each.

About May 1971, Collins will also publish an exciting NEW hardback edition of 5 more Lone Pine adventures (Numbers 1, 2, 3, 15 and 16, on the green leaflet) at about 7/- (35 p.) each. I hope you will make your own collection of these later.

Meanwhile, because I know you are a keen reader I would like you to accept the new Lone Pine badge and try to form a local Club with four or five friends.

My best wishes to you and I am glad to know that my books give you pleasure. Some of them will always be available in paperbacks. Ask for them in the shops, but if you cannot get what you want send the money direct to the addresses given on the leaflets.

Yours sincerely

P.P. Mal wim Saville.

Malcolm Saville, Chelsea Cottage, Winchelsea, Sussex.

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