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I haven't looked for reviews - but people give them to me - thinking I want to read them. I don't really - but when they are before me - I read. I wouldn't have even sought out your writing about Sunny - or the Atlantic Monthly or the little I read from Baker's book - at all. It is as though an outside force is put. I will be glad when you says "Read" - so I read. I want to read your book - because I don't like to think about E. H. - could it be that I may have a hidden guilt complex because I "flubbed the dub"? The fact that he wrote what he did before he died - makes me wonder. But that marriage would ever have been right for us - for it wouldn't - but we both carried along the feeling of failure in an important human relationship. The close understanding I seem to have for you and what you are doing - is another mystery. Ah me! Ah my!

Love

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