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Dear [Redacted]

I am hoping you will find HICK, my manuscript, of interest and am enclosing the requested materials.

Palmyra, Nebraska, a dusty spot on the road, is home to a drunk, drowning dad and his cheating wife who holds him accountable for all the failures fit to sink the floorboards. In the heart of their marital travesty is Lula, their daughter, nearly orphaned by their alcoholism and adultery.

Observing their impending doom with the ruthlessly keen eye of a teenager, Luli decides to run off to Las Vegas to find a sugar daddy. On her way, she meets grifters, drifters, lowlifes, strippers speed freaks and a libertarian with a dog named Karl. Yet her journey becomes steadily darker as she discovers both the perks and the perils of her teenage sexual curiosity.

HICK is told in the first person narrative, in the tradition of BASTARD OUT OF CAROLINA by Dorothy Allison and THE BLUEST EYE by Toni Morrison.

Having grown up dirt poor in rural Nebraska and then attending Bryn Mawr College on full scholarship, I feel uniquely qualified to tell the story of the girl born in the trailer park who is sharp enough to discern and dream about all of the things she'll never have.

HICK is my first novel. As my research has led me to your agency, I'm happy to share it with you.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Andrea Portes



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