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Dear Ms. Markinko,

I am a freelance children's writer and performer, currently preparing a collection of reader's theater scripts for middle-grade and junior-high students. *Stories on Stage* will provide a key educational tool for a literature-based curriculum, as well as significant promotion for featured literature and authors.

Publication by H. W. Wilson is set for summer 1993, with a print run of 5000, in hardcover only. This book of 160-200 pages will be sold primarily to libraries at about \$30.00. H. W. Wilson does not sell through trade book stores.

I request one-time world English-language rights to publish a reader's theater script adaptation of the following:

THE PUSH CART WAR, Jean Merrill, HarperCollins, 1992, foreword and chapters 1, 3-7.  
The approximate word count of the script adaptation is: 1800.

Please note that the rights I request fall under "reprints and adaptations" rather than dramatic rights. I do *not* request performance rights of any kind. Also please note that the entire permissions budget allowed by my publisher is \$8000, which must pay for a minimum of 20 scripts. Please set your fee accordingly. Scripts that do not fit within this budget cannot be included.

A signature below will signify your permission. Please indicate any specific form of acknowledgement you require. For payment, please include your Federal I.D. or Social Security number.

Thanks for your prompt action. If you do not entirely control these rights, *please* let me know quickly!

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