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Dear Zena,

I am not given to challenging the status quo. After sitting through two interminable Newbery-Caldecott dinners waiting breathlessly for the actual award presentations I had decided the meal was a necessary evil - a sort of a trial you just had to endure to prove you were really worthy of being in the presence of such distinguished authors and illustrators.

When I heard there was a move underway to dispense with the banquet in favor of a simple award ceremony I must admit I was surprised! Allow people to attend the Newbery-Caldecott Award presentation for a reasonable cost without making them suffer through some deadly small-talk over a mediocre meal?!?!?? How shocking! How revolutionary! How outrageously sensible!

With three cheers and unwavering support,

*Connie*

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