

TERRY AND HANS

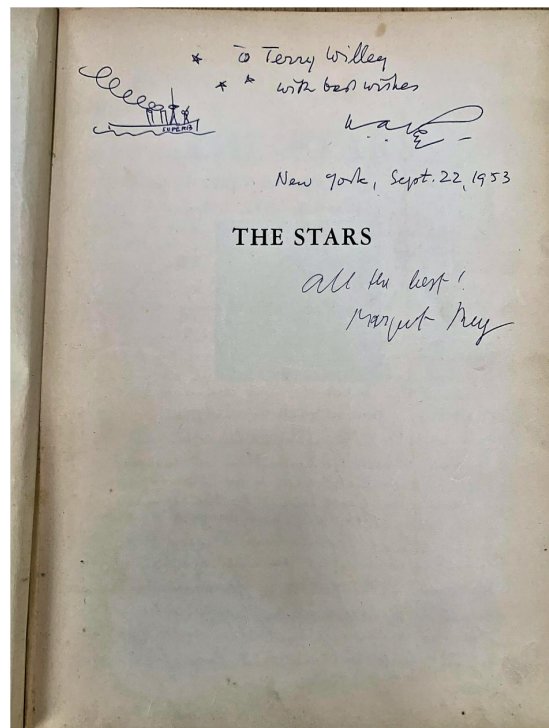
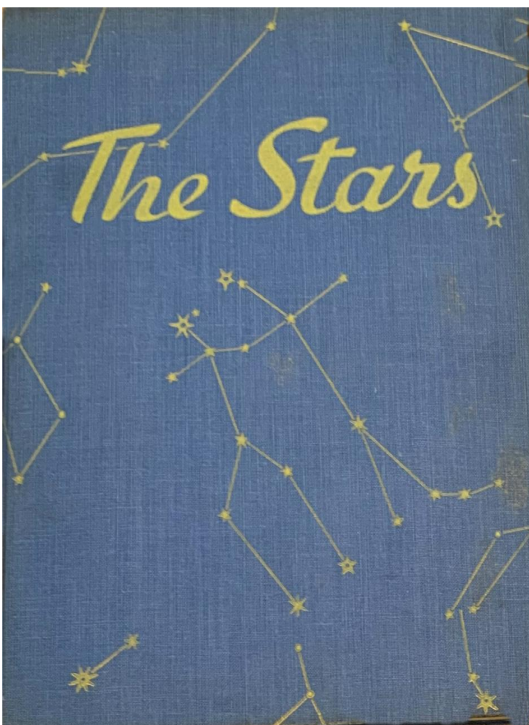
In September, 1953, whilst the ship was in New York, Terry was on a run ashore with a shipmate Ron (no other name available at this time) They were travelling on the subway and completely lost when they were offered assistance by a couple of New Yorkers.

As is quite often the case with 'Jack' abroad they were invited for an 'Up Homers' and visited their new found friends, Hans and Margaret, at their home where it transpired their American friends were none other than the published author Hans Augustus. Rey and his wife Margaret.

Hans was a German-born American illustrator and author, known best for the Curious George series of childrens' picture books that he and his wife Margret Rey created. Rey had an interest in astronomy which led to his desire to redraw constellation diagrams, which he found difficult to remember, so that they were more intuitive. This led to the 1952 publication of *The Stars: A New Way to See Them*.

For some time afterwards there were some letters and Xmas cards exchanged. Terry who was intrigued by mathematics produced a 'Time by the Stars' grid tool which he sent back to Hans to accompany the book.

The following photographs tell the story and Terry wrote a brief account of this meeting in 1975 and that Hans presented him with a signed copy of his book.



1978.

I met Hays in New York - Sept 82. We were standing outside of a Tube Station - Greenwich Village when Hays and his wife came along and kindly invited two lost sailors to their home. We talked and talked. We listened to Margaret Roy story her cousin and I recall her saying "I know where your going", it seemed apt and wonderful at the time. I was carried away with the intelligence of Hays and was honored and delighted when he presented me with a signed copy of his book. He avowed that he would meet us, with his wife, aboard the Imped the next day and I believe that they took us back to our ship.

Hays wrote to me and apologized for not being able to come aboard. He had over looked his weak heart. I believe that I wrote to him from Jamaica en route to Georgetown - British Guiana and subsequently Hays and Margaret sent me a Christmas card. Some 22 years later our chance meeting remains vividly clear - the room - the people - the weather - the music - the kindness and exhilaration all still my memories and stimulate my highest sense of civil and love of learning.

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Many thanks for your
interesting letter with
the Servo-Mechanism
Diagram, and also for
your Xmas card!

Best wishes also to
Mrs. Willey

Drop in again if you
come to our shores!

12-19-53 The Reys

H. A. REY 82 WASHINGTON PLACE NEW YORK 11, NEW YORK

Sept. 23, 1953

Dear Terry,

I am awfully sorry I can't come aboard
your ship. The reason is that I am not
supposed to climb stairs. Last year I had
a rather bad heart attack and since
then, under Doctor's orders, stairs are
out for me.

Last night, in the enthusiasm of
the moment (I love ships) I quite
forgot that you can't visit a ship
without climbing a lot of stairs &
ladders. I don't suppose the 'SUPERB'
has elevators for the use of visitors.

We are both very disappointed ^{but} what
can I do. One can't fool around with
a bad heart.

I should have loved so to share
a tot with you and Ronald.

Good luck to you both!

Yours

H. A. Reys

If you feel like it, let me know some time how you
made out with the Star book, I think it helped you
to find the complications in the sky.

THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPH ILLUSTRATES TERRY'S INTEREST IN MATHEMATICS