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TO THE CRITICS

IN THE OLD COUNTRY AND THE NEW

WHOSE KIND AND GENEROUS WORDS ABOUT THE BOOK I
WROTE "*HE WHO PASSED*" HELPED ME THROUGH DARK
DAYS TILL BRIGHT ONES CAME. NOW, WHEN I AM ASKED
TO TRY MY HAND AT FICTION, I DEDICATE MY WORK TO
THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO, THOUGH THEY MAY NOT
BE AS LENIENT TO THE MADE-UP STORY AS THEY WERE TO
MY REAL STORY, WILL BE JUST. AND I WANT THEM ALL
TO KNOW IT WAS THROUGH ONE OF THEM THAT HAPPINESS
CAME TO ME FROM "*HE WHO PASSED*"