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Dear Toni Gallagher,

I loved your letter, and your appreciation of "Garp." You sound like a writer.

Next I am writing (my 5th novel) a story about a family in the hotel business - full of dreams. It will be called "The Hotel New Hampshire"; I am about half-way through it. I have a son your age; he was the first reader of "Garp" - in manuscript - so I value people of your age and ability (highly). Thank you!
John Irving


WE BELIEVE IN GARP.