

Acknowledgment

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If you judge the type of our “job” then you have to admit from the beginning that editing books is not an income generating case. We must laugh when we go to DHL with a bulk package of all the required materials for the book and they ask us to pay about 250-300 euros for sending them to the United States. We are joking and saying that with this money one of us could fly in person to the States. But when we have posted the package, the Ithaca is there and we really enjoyed the trip, so our only real anxiety is to open our book to our audiences. So, once again, the journey was full of exciting experiences and we are really grateful to all the people that stand by us.

We are looking forward to the next one.

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