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Kelsey

17 years old

11th grade

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

My name is Kelsey and I am a student at Wesleyan Christian Academy. I have been raised in a loving and Christian home my entire life. One of the things that truly amazes me is how you were able to overcome the insecurities you dealt with as a result of not having loving parents. This is amazing to me because I often deal with my own insecurities and have trouble overcoming them, yet I have the love and affirmation from my parents. That truly is amazing and inspiring.

To be honest with you, I have never been a big reader. When I found out that we were going to be reading yet another book for school I was a little bit grumpy about it. When I first started reading your book something odd happened, I could not stop reading it! For one of the first times in my life I was enjoying reading, and found myself reading ahead just to find out what was going to happen. Two of my favorite chapters were chapter seven and chapter twenty-five.

What I liked about Chapter seven was how sweet Gigi had been. I think it was truly amazing that even though Gigi had very little, she was willing to give everything she had of worth to you because she loved you so much.

It challenges me to love people with the kind of love Gigi had, and to be willing to lay down my rights for someone else. What I liked about chapter twenty-five was the thought that "it wasn't personal." When I read that it hit me like a ton of bricks. So often times I get so upset about things other people do to me, but what I don't realize is most of the time no one was trying to hurt me, they were just thinking about themselves. I will find myself asking "what is wrong with me?" but what this chapter made me realize was, there isn't anything wrong with me. The point is that most of the time, what people do isn't even about me, and I should not have taken it personally. That revelation help me get rid of a lot of the securities in my own life and realize, "it wasn't personal."

I really think you did a great job with this book. It was inspiring and encouraged me in many different ways.

Sincerely,
Kelsey