

LaSalle Middle School  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Lisi Harrison,

I read your book The Clique. The School in it is sort of like mine. Of course my school isn't that fancy, but we are kind of split into groups like that.

Before I read your book I thought it was kind of nice to be in groups like that. Having three or four direct friends, and everyone else on the outside. Now I realize it's not so nice for new people. You know, trying really hard to be friends with people who don't really want to be friends with you.

I've never really been in Claire's position, so it's kind of hard to imagine. It sort of makes me think of my "clique." Two of my friends came from a different school than me because in fourth grade my school and another joined. They can talk about things Katie and I don't even know about, but Katie and I can do the same. That's one bad thing about my "clique."

I truly think if Claire didn't keep doing mean things to Massie they might be able to become friends. Massie might just be mean to Claire in front of her friends, because of their impression of her. One time that happened to an old friend of mine. They just needed to talk alone and everything was resolved. Maybe that would work for Claire and Massie.

Finally, I came to the conclusion that cliques aren't the greatest, and that you need to welcome new people.

Sincerely,

Kelly Biermann