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Estherville, Iowa

Dear Mr. Handler,

Reading wouldn't be the same without The Series of Unfortunate Events! Your books have influenced me in many ways. I started reading your books because my 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher read The Bad Beginning to my class. My teacher really got me into your books more than any book that she had ever read to us.

I loved that your books were mystery. Mystery books are my favorite! Every time something was about to happen, like when Aunt Josephine supposedly fell out the window, I thought that she really did, and that that was the end. But every time that happened you had a different idea. Sure I could guess and think that my idea was the best, or worst, that could happen, but you always had an idea that grabbed me, and made me want to read more. After every book I wonder, "How do these orphans get along so well to get through every adventure?"

The Series of Unfortunate Events books never gave me a reason to put the book down. They always made me want to read more. When I read your books I felt like I could get away from school, homework, and any thing that was troubling me, and I could go along on the adventures that the orphans were having at the time. The way you described the adventures made me want to be like them. The way that Klaus is able to explain any word that comes to mind, and how Violet can think of a way to solve anything.

After the first few books of yours that I read, I started thinking. The way that the Baudelaire orphans work together made me realize that my brothers and I take each other for granted. We fight all the time, and after I read 2-11, I thought about how my parents might not be there at the end of the day, just like what happened to the orphans in your book. As soon as Count Olaf came into their lives, I thought about how glad I am to have a kind family. Your book also gave me a laugh once in a while. And trust me, I love to laugh!

I am so glad that you wrote your books the way that you did! I am trying to get my brother to read them. I know anyone, of any age, would love your books. I don't like the fact that you may only be writing 13 books, but 13, the unlucky number is a good idea! I can't wait to read the rest of your books!

Sincerely

Kendall Bosch