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Dear Arthur Roth,

Your book, The Iceberg Hermit, really showed me a lot about life. The biggest inspiration that your book gave me was respecting and protecting nature. Before I read this book, I thought of nature as just something that was created. It was just an ordinary, normal part of my life and I didn't think it was that special. I've heard about the polar bears and the environment of the Arctic being damaged. But I never really did anything about it emotionally, or physically. After I read your great book, the bond between Allan and his polar bear friend, Nancy really showed me how dependent the world is on nature. The book also made me think about how people are damaging and ruining so many ecosystems. At first, Allan was just like me, living off of the ship and not really using the great natural resources around him. Then once he met Nancy and started getting wild animals and living on the Ice Mountain, Allan really started to live freely. I hope that I will start doing that in my life also. From reading your book, I will try to not damage nature and always respect it. Your book showed me how entire tribes of people, not just Eskimos, depend solely on the animals and plants of their environment. Your book has really been an inspiration to my life. It has taught me to be a better person and a more nature-minded one too. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Ding