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Dear Lurlene McDaniel,

If I could have one wish in the whole entire world it would be that nobody in my family dies because I don't know what it would be like and I love them very much.

I have read some of your books and I think that they are awesome. Once I started reading them I can't put them down. Ever since my librarian suggested them to me I have read one a week. Which I think that is a record for me because I am not a big fan of reading. Once you start reading one of your books you never want to put it down or want it to end because it is so good and you want to know what will happen next. I love your books because they are very interesting and they have happy and sad moments. They also talk about kids with cancer and how their families deal with it as well how they have to deal with it. They also talk about people in accidents and people who are different or just look different. You get to see how people deal with the pain when their loved one dies. It is very sad but people have to learn to deal with it and in your book it shows some of the ways that people deal with it for example a support groups.

My sister had cancer too. She had to deal with all the treatments like chemo. Chemo really makes you tired and you don't want to do nothing afterwards. I was too young to understand everything she went through. I did not get to see her while she had to go through all of the treatments because she lives in Florida.

These books have really changed the way I look at things and how I look at people. Even though people are different they should be treated like a normal person because that is all they want to be. They also want to be able to do normal things that everyone else gets to do.

Now that I have read some of your books I have learned how to deal with some pain. I have figured out ways to help me with my pain and I now that no one lives forever and some people die when they are young and some when they are old. You are one of the best authors that I know of. Thank you for writing all those great books.

Thank you so much,

Deven Kunde