

Oskaloosa Middle School  
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Dear Christopher Paolini,

I am hooked on your books. I have read Eragon several times. I read your book so many times because when I read it, it gives me encouragement. When I read Eragon, I step into a whole new world, One filled with dragons and magic and brave warriors.

Whenever at school I feel depressed or like giving up, I just think of the time when Eragon raised his sword and slayed Durza, the evil Shade. I just have to think about how he responds in situations, and it gives me the courage to keep going forward. For once in my life I feel like I stand out, and people look at me and say, "Wow! Look at that guy!"

Sometimes your vast description of scenes inspires me to write stories of my own. One of the stories, based partly on Eragon, got me into the Young Writer's Conference. I have convinced many of my friends to read Eragon, and one of them made a cool book presentation. I know your book has changed many people, and influenced their daily lives. My parents are buying me your newest book, Eldest, for Christmas. I cannot wait to read it. I will write more stories. Your book has changed my life forever.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Morris