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Dear Laurence Yep,

Your book *Dragonwings* has amazed me. How it is true about real life things. How you do not get it your way all the time.

Racism I am pretty sure happens world wide. How the “white” kids picked on Moon Shadow. Then Moon Shadow does some things and then they respect him. So pretty much life is a pyramid. You have to earn your respect if you don’t want to be treated as different.

It’s somewhat messed, up but it’s real life. This book has made me realize things from others view. For example what people would say if I had said something else to them. Then some people don’t realize that they have it much better life than others, but once they get older they will figure out that not everything is fair.

To get a good life you must also know how life works. For instance you don’t get it your way all the time. People may steal your items, or somebody murders a family member. To get around that, you have to not stick out as much. I am saying this because you stick out, your most likely going to have a major drop in success. You will lose everything when one thing goes bad.

Then those people are at the bottom of the pyramid. They have lost everything and have no respect. People may help them, but probably won’t get them up and going into high success. Life just works that way. They will be picked on for life, but they will eventually live through it and not care anymore.

When I was little I picked on kids that had defects, they didn’t really care but I guess they might have been use to it. Then one kid told me that she ignores it because she is living life to the fullest. She didn’t care what people told her, she went on just like Moon Shadow’s father.

This book has made me understand more about other people. How people react to things or why somebody would do a certain thing. I thank you for this.

Sincerely,

Susan Voong