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Dear Louis Lowry,

When I read your book *The Giver* it had changed the way I look at society. I have always been one to question the way things are done in our world and in every day life. But in your book it made me think about different topics such as no love or anger and to imagine that if we lived in a world where none of that took place how people would react to that. So for me Jonas is easy to relate to.

It is difficult for me to imagine a world without color or rain and snow. How it would be if you could not love or have personal freedoms. In your book these things are censored from the society to be sure of complete safety and peace among the people. In our society we don't discourage those things we allow them. It made me wonder why they would not allow love because it doesn't seem to harm people but it brings happiness and joy to people's lives. But I thought it may have been that they did not want those citizens to experience hate and bring violence to the people of Jonas's community.

I also wondered why the elders and the Giver didn't want the people of the community to know the past and bad experiences people had to deal with. And I also asked myself that what if in our world when the 9/11 Twin Tower attacks took place if there was a person with the power to erase our memory and have a person like the Giver hold in those thoughts. I thought it was interesting how the giver could touch Jonas's back and he would pass down the bad and very good memories to him. But I also wondered why they wouldn't want the community to know about good memories such as sleigh rides and other fun things.

Whether or not the community elders and The Giver think people should experience love, anger, color, rain and snow, life would not be the same without it. I think that those are one of the most important pieces of life and should not be taken away.

Sincerely,

Austin Millius

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