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Dear Frank McCourt,

Before I read your book, Angela's Ashes, I thought it was about a family who just had bad luck with things in life. After I read your book I realized it really opened my eyes about how much I appreciate what I have in life.

While I was reading your book it got me thinking. This book changed the way I feel about others. In your book, Frank and his family lost many of his family members. They also did not have anything because his father spent all their money at the pubs. Now the things I have in life are the things I appreciate more. I have a father and a mother that don't waste our money on things they want, instead they spend it for us kids and our needs.

I learned that my life might not be so fair and it is rough at points. Some people would kill to have a life like mine. In your book the kids have to go out and beg for food. Angela would even go out and beg for leftovers from people on the street. My family cooks for my sibling and I and we have enough money to buy food and not beg for it. When I do not get things that I want I start thinking life isn't fair. In Angela's Ashes the family doesn't even get things they need. They never have enough food, so they rob orchards and beg.

When somebody in my family gets sick we do not have to worry if they get too sick, because we can afford to get medicine for them. When somebody in Angela's family gets sick they can not afford to send their kids to the doctor or buy any medicine. When they get too sick they usually die. When you have so many family members die at a time it gets you very scared. It makes you wonder if you can help others fight out of their sickness. In my family we have hope for them and we know for sure they will be okay.

Angela's Ashes is a great, but sad book on how to view life and what you are thankful for. We should all be thankful for what we have, because others don't have anything to be thankful for. I now appreciate more things that I have.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Haugen

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