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Dear Jack Ganzos,

Laying on my bed, I close my eyes and imagine a world where my parents are still married and my life is perfect. I am still 11 and we still live in Iowa. Then, I open my eyes and I'm back in the real world. A world where my parents are divorced.

Your book, *What Would Joey Do?* showed me that Joey's life and my life are similar. My parents are divorced and so are Joey's. Your book made me thankful that my parents don't fight like Joey's. I know that my life is not horrible, but sometimes it seems that way. I look up to Joey, even though he is fictional.

After reading your book, I was thankful that my parents don't chase after each other with broomsticks. My parents disagree, but most of the time they don't fight. I love my parents for not fighting in front of me or maybe not at all. I am also thankful that my grandmother doesn't force me into the fridge!

Joey's life is definitely worse than mine. His dad loves his mom but his mom doesn't love him. Joey loves his mom but wants to love his dad too. My parents don't hate each other. I love them both. My family is without sides.

Joey is my hero. After finishing your book I got up with new confidence. He is like me in many ways but he has more tolerance. I like his attitude toward things. He has showed me so much!

I closed my eyes again, my fantasy world is still there. I start to think about all the great things that has happened because my parents got divorced. My mom has remarried and my step dad wrote a wonderful play and my dad is dating this really cool woman. I open my eyes and see my perfect world right in front of me.

With new confidence,
Elena Dietz

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