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Dear Sarah Dessen,

I have read your book The Truth About Forever. It was recommended to me by teachers and friends so I gave it a try- now it's one of my favorite books.

Macy was portrayed in a very real way for me. She's someone I can relate to but her story is different, funny, sad, and unpredictable (in a good way). The way that she talked and the things that she thought were awesome- they were open and honest.

In this book, Macy questioned the way she was living her life, whether it was how she wanted to or how others wanted her to. I have asked myself that question several times as well and I'm still developing the answer. I used to take most everything seriously. Until I realized that by doing that all I would do is worry. I need to loosen up and relax, to let the little things go and take every day as it came. Your book and Macy's story helped me to do that (some).

I have realized that there is more to life than school and that while it isn't good to get a late slip or a detention it's okay. You can get a C on a test and be fine. That's quite a step away from the old me.

This book also made me step back and take a look at my friendships. Macy and her new catering friends really helped each other out. It made me realize how important friends can be, what an impact they can have, without even knowing. How friends are unique and to be valued. How I maybe wasn't doing that as much as I should. Like Macy, I'm with new people in a new environment (I've changed schools). Because of my role in my old school (the smart girl), I'm used to being in charge in small groups or school projects, and it's kind of hard for me to let go of some of that control and not do it all my way.

Now while your book didn't change me totally or overnight, it did make me ask myself questions and look for the honest answer. To search for my own Truth.

Sincerely,

Krystal Daggett

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