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Dear Kieran Scott,

Like Annisa, I also stick out in a crowd. Though I do have brown hair, I stick out more because of my size. A big (tall and wide) girl surrounded by skinny, beautiful girls, I'm not very popular. Add my size to my weird and random comments, and your sum is I, a freak. The difference is though, now I'm not as discouraged by mean comments. Ever since I read your book, *I Was a Non-Blonde Cheerleader*, I actually embrace those once hurtful things!

Your fantastic book has taught me that size is just a measurement. What is important is on the inside. It's cliché, I know, but it's true. If I were always judged by my appearance, I would be a social-outcast, and my best friends would be very popular, and potentially catty girls.

I know this letter might make me come off as a young girl with few friends and a high self-pity level. I used to be that way, but ever since reading your book, I'm different. I've realized I have great friends, even made some new ones, and got a lot more confidence. God made me this way, and that's a good enough reason for me to be the way I am. Now, my mottos are, "I'm a freak and proud of it!" and "A good friend will bail you out of jail, but a true friend will be sitting right next to you saying, 'Darn, that was fun!'" I guess Annisa had a lot of true friends, if you know what I mean!

Your eager reader and hopeful friend,  
Katherine Wenman

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