

West Elementary  
Glenwood, Iowa

Dear Pete Hautman,

Your book *Hole in the Sky* inspired me to go on an adventure. I also support breast cancer now thanks to the fear of the flu you gave in the book. You explained the characters so well that I felt like I was one of them. You made me want to write a book.

I took an adventure in Texas on a river with my grandpa, grandma, cousin, and brother. We hunted for fossils and found some pretty interesting things. When you described the canyon in the book it made me remember my adventure.

Since reading your book I've written many books in my diary, but I'm scared to share them. I have shared some things with my friends and they laugh. I laugh with them, but that's not what I wanted them to do. Now I'm going to try again.

I started riding horses after I read your book because the mule ride down the canyon sounded cool. I ride trail horses like the mules.

I learned that you need to trust your friends and family even when you think you may know more. I also learned that you need to listen to your heart when you have a dream because your dreams might not just help you but it might also help someone else.

So your book inspired me to write my own because it was exciting and explained the setting and characters so well. Thank you for being my inspiration.

Sincerely,

Shelby Kuhnert