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Delhi, Iowa

Dear Lisi Harrison,

I really connected to some of the girls in your Clique series. It showed me what happens when girls treat each other this way. It also showed me that no matter how perfect someone seems to be, everyone has flaws.

In fourth through sixth grade, our class was really cliquy and mean to each other, just like the girls in the book. It made me realize how much we were emotionally hurting ourselves and others.

Like the girls in the book, the groups refused to hang out together or be seen with someone from the other group. Around the middle of seventh grade, the groups started combining like when the clique and girls like Olivia and Claire started to get along. Everyone decided it was better this way.

Your books showed that if you don't exclude people because they don't have as much money, or as nice clothes as you, you could make a lot of new friends. It showed that if you stick together in tough times, like when Nina came to town, everything would work out.

Until reading your books, I didn't realize how much I was excluding people. One of my friends was always in the middle, like Claire. Both groups wanted her to join them, but not for her friendship, more as to say "Ha, she likes us better than you."

I think that all girls should read your books because it really teaches you that things like money and clothes don't make up a person, it's who you really are. Another lesson from it would be that sometimes that people with the biggest differences can end up being the best of friends.

Your books are always fun to read and are very entertaining. Please keep writing!

Sincerely,

Heather Lewis