

Guthrie Center Elementary
Guthrie Center, Iowa

Dear Moses L. Howard,

Your book, The Ostrich Chase, inspires me. It relates to me because the mother is very strict on what her daughter does, just like my mom. She is almost too protective! Whenever Khuana, her daughter, wants to hunt and do guy stuff, she says “NO”, with no thought what so ever. My mom won’t let me do “dangerous” stuff either. Khuana’s grandmother, also like mine, is her “fairy godmother!” Even when mistakes come, she is always there in a snap to help. Her grandmother knows what she is going through because when she was little, she was just like Khuana. My grandmother may not have been just like me for certain reasons, but she still understands everything I am going through! Ever since Khuana’s grandmother’s husband died, Khuana’s grandmother will do anything for her, because she wants to get hurt before anyone else in her tribe does! Just like Khuana’s grandmother, mine spoils me rotten, because she is very aware of our safety. Khunan, like me, is a risk-taker! If it is dangerous, we’ll do it! In this book, Khuana is my twin, her grandmother is my grandmother’s identical twin, and her mom is my mom’s sister at birth!

When I first read this story, if you take back the date, the poisonous arrows, and the tribes, this would explain my life as it really is today. Somewhere in the middle of the story, Khuana goes out on her own, alone, and when she gets back, she finds out that her grandmother is “hiding” from her. This is something I would probably never do to my grandmother, and for sure, she would never do this to me, but there are times where I do go off on my own, and do my own stuff. Only, my mom or her would probably come looking for me because they are very protective. This book has taught me to be worthy of everything and everyone around me. Also, it taught me not to do dangerous stuff, even if it does look fun! The Ostrich Chase also described my life because I know even when things go bad, it all comes out good in the end, most of the time!

Your book has inspired me in every way possible and made me learn about things I should and shouldn’t do, in a fun way. At times in the story, I felt like I was there, and was Khuana!

I have really enjoyed reading such a powerful book, and I plan to read more of your books!

An inspired reader,

Alison Royer