

Estherville Lincoln Central Middle School  
Estherville, Iowa

Dear Mr. Curtis,

What do you do that makes so many people, including me, love your books? I was just looking for a book to read, and if I don't like a book, I usually just bring it back to the library. I am a really picky reader, but somehow you have captivated my mind. My favorite book of yours is Bud, Not Buddy. I like it how Bud has so many captivating adventures, and he finally finds who he thought was his dad ended up being his grandpa. I love that (almost) everybody that he meets brings him in as one of their family and treats him like it.

This book has changed me in so many ways. One of them is that I feel melancholy for how black people were treated a long time ago. One more thing that it did to me is that it made me feel sorry for orphans, because they have a hard life.

Now that I have read your book, I am doing a lot of things to help those that are less fortunate than me. One of those things is that I have joined my school's Builders Club, which does lots of amazing things for kids and underprivileged people. Another thing is that I am a part of a babysitting program that baby sits kids when their parents can't be with them.

I am going to try to read all of the rest of your books so I can enjoy all of them as much as the first one that I read.

My hope is that other kids will read your books and it will have the same effect on them.

Sincerely,

Kyle Thompson