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Dear Carl Hiaasen,

“What are you doing to make an impact?” This is my schools motto and your book Hoot made me look at the phrase on a whole different level. It made my try to make an impact and stand up for what I believe in.

It was last year when it happened. I was at the bookstore walking through the young adults section and being me I was being lazy and accidentally bumped into a bookshelf and knocked over a book called Hoot. I started to read and I was hooked by page 3. I am glad I knocked it over because if I didn't I wouldn't be who I am today.

This book totally changed the way I think and tossed my perspective. I have never thought of land preservation. But now after I read of your book that issue is top on my list. I have gone to many forums stating the problem and asking the candidates how they are helping solve the problem. I also tell my friends to recycle when they can and to not throw wrappers on the floor. I also try tell others that once good land is cut down it will never be the same. I also have published a few short stories and poems to try to get the message out. But you never wrote your book then probably your message wouldn't have gotten out and I definitely wouldn't be so involved in this issue. Your books message was very important and I hope it reached others as well.

Thank you for writing this book besides the fact of you addressing this problem this is a great book that showed great friendships. The way you wrote your book made it easier to make the connection to my life. This helped me realize that fighting for what you believe in is what I need to do as well.

If I never read this book these issues you addressed would have never reached me as soon as they did. Even if you didn't directly say that land preservation was a problem it was so apparent and I hope you keep writing about the issues you care about.

What are you doing to make an impact? Well I am going to stand up for what I believe, but I am just one person. So what are you going to do to make an impact?

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