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Dear June Wood,

I never thought of all the challenging things Down syndrome children and adults have to do every day. Like brushing their teeth and getting dressed. Now I think about that every day of my life.

Your book changed my perspective on all Down syndrome adults. *The Man Who Loved Clowns* helped me realize that all people are different. A good friend of mine Michelle has Down syndrome and I looked at her in a whole new way. When I read this book in school it was the best part of the day. When she would carve the clowns for him it taught me that the littlest thing could become the greatest sign of appreciation.

Now I try to treat Down syndrome people like everyone else. I try to stay away from kids that make fun of people with Down syndrome. When the narrator's parents died I realized that my parents are the most important people to me. I appreciate people more who help Down syndrome people every day. *The Man Who Loved Clowns* inspired me to be a special needs teacher.

Now I am determined to succeed my goal in becoming a special needs teacher. My family and friends believe that I can do anything I set my mind to. Keep Writing. Peace.

Forever a reader,
Molly Schmitz

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