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Dear Elizabeth Berg,

Your book, Durable Goods, has affected me in several ways. It is a wonderful story that is very realistic. Everything Katie goes through happens to people all the time, and we don't even realize it. This story put it right in front of my face. We all think our lives are so hard, just because we have to mow the lawn and go to school. We have it easy! I always thought my life was hard and complicated, but it is nothing like Katie's.

In a story I always try to relate to the main character by putting me in her shoes or putting her in my shoes. Katie and I are very similar. She has a friend who is always there for her, but isn't afraid to show herself and her feelings. I also have two friends like Cherylanne. I don't know what I'd do without them!

Katie's relationship with Diane is very similar to my sister's relationship with me. Diane is older which a lot of times older sisters have attitude against their siblings, but they are very protective. Even though my sister isn't older than me (I'm a triplet), she takes AP classes, so she seems to be. Diane is like my sister Katherine: very independent, but when I need her, I know she will be there for me.

This book has a great mixture of emotions. In some parts it is very sad, but then, in pops a little joke, for a good laugh. (We can always us a good laugh!!!)

I have read several of your books and this is my second favorite on the list. Probably because I can relate to Katie, more than I can relate to any of the characters in your other books.

This book has made me realize everything I have and not to take it for granted. I guess you could say that I appreciate that I have a mother, and that my father isn't a strict army man. I have a wonderful friendship, and a great family. What more could I want?

Sincerely,

Sarah Dvorak

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