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Dear Mrs. Dianne Gray,

When I read your novel *Holding Up the Earth* , I was truly touched. Your book made me think about how lucky I am to have loving parents every day. Hope lost her mom when she was very small and had since been traveling from foster home to foster home. This made me stop and think, "I am so lucky to have the same mom and dad helping me every day."

Whenever I think about your novel and Hope's troubles, I think about my parents and how my life is so nice with them. I use to not consider how lucky I am to always have my parents right there to help me with my homework, doing after-school activities, and problems that may have arisen such as losing something I needed for the next day. Many kids take their parents for granted because they figure their parents are just normally there, so they aren't that important. After reading *Holding Up the Earth* , I sure do not think that or take my parents for granted. There were times for me when I was reading your book when I put the book down and thought about how wonderful my life was compared to Hope's because I had all of my family supporting me.

I love my parents tremendously and the thought of one of them dying would be exceedingly terrible. It would be too hard for me to bear. To see how difficult Hope's life was without parents gave me an idea of how hard it would be without my parents.

This book gave me wings in a unique way. I now think about my parents as a marvelously wonderful people to have around. I feel so lucky and privileged to have my

parents. They are always so loving and kind to me. This is how your book changed me and gave me wings.

Holding Up the Earth gave me an awe-inspiring new look on life. The story made me consider how lucky and fortunate I am to have parents. Now that I have read *Holding Up the Earth* , I will keep that in my thoughts and memories forever. I am now so thankful and happy that I have such a loving and trustworthy family.

Sincerely,

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