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Dear Lois Lowry,

Do you think you can relate to any of the characters in Number The Stars? I think I can relate to Anne Marie because I have a best friend who is Jewish. I was surprised that I could be like someone from a book. I also have a little sibling just like Anne Marie's, except mine is a brother. John and I share stories and giggle just like Kirsty and Anne Marie do. Your book, Number The Stars took me to a world where I'd never visited before. It would be terrifying never to be safe, to have Nazis chasing you, to be separated from your family, and to never know what might happen.

This book made me want to be nicer to people. All people, no matter what their religion, value friendship. Just like Anne Marie is interested in Ellens traditions, I am interested in my Jewish friends Shabbatt dinners. Before I read this book, I judged people, but not on purpose. Now I don't. This change might not be noticeable to others but is important to me. I love the book, Number The Stars.

Sincerely,  
Julia  
Julia Stanislaw