Dear Margaret,

Your book, *The House on the Gulf* was a mirror to my life. Like Britt I also had to deal with an older sibling, about Bran’s age, who doesn’t talk much. My mom also is trying to finish college. I’m almost the same age as Britt. My life is like a big mystery for me to solve also.

I can see how she needs someone to talk to because I often do to. Your book reminded me about how my behavior can affect others and make them think one way or another.

It also made me remember how my life was when I lived in a place like Florida. The temperature was always steaming and the house was always hotter just like Britt’s. Now my neighborhood is almost the same in the summer. It can get pretty hot. No one lives near me that I know and most of the neighbors are old, so I can relate to Britt’s loneliness.

Your work was meaningful to me because it made me think about how I am so lucky to have a family with a good father and grandparents that love me. I realized that not all families are as good as mine.

Sincerely,

Kassy Pepper