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Dear Harriet Beecher Stowe,

At first I was only reading your book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, because my English teacher assigned it to my class. But then as we got more into it, the more I began to like it. This book not only has great, realistic characters, but it talks about slavery in a way, that helps people to have a better understanding of what really happened.

The characters were awesome! Tom had an amazingly strong faith in God, which helped him get through the rough times. Topsy, poor thing, did not know how to act any better than she was. All she wanted was someone to call her family. That is where Eva comes in. She loves Topsy and becomes her friend, when no one else would. When Eva dies it changed everyone who knew her. For instance, her aunt, Miss Ophelia, tries to start loving Topsy, and before Eva's death she was rude to Topsy.

The way you talk about slavery in this book goes so much deeper than many other books. You bring it to life, and show people, that everyone is the same, no matter what their skin color is. Being "colored" myself, I see racism still going on today. It makes me sad to think, that there are people who look down on others just because of their skin color. Today it is nowhere near as bad as it used to be. Your book helped open my eyes to how horrible slavery was.

I think you are a brave person to write a book in such depths of slavery in a time when slavery was at its worst. You helped many "white" people to see what horrible acts were taking place during that time. Too many "colored" folks, you are a hero, and in all honesty, you are. I hope that maybe someday I will write something as powerful, moving, inspirational, and helpful.

You inspired me to help others and not judge them no matter what, not only because of skin color. But instead, encourage them and make them feel better about who they are. You also inspired me to be brave to step out and do something unthinkable. One of my goals, since reading your book, is to do something out of the ordinary for me. I would recommend your book to everyone.

There are still many different types of slavery all over the world today. Maybe because of people like you, others will become more aware of this problem. And keep changing laws, so someday there will be no more slavery.

i also liked that you talked about the characters faith or the lack of it. Faith is a huge part of a persons life, and the way they think, and the attitudes. For me, personally, my faith in God has gotten me through the rough times. Its why I am still here, and that is what I think keeps some slaves alive as well.

I want to know why you wrote this book and what inspired you to? What did people say to you after you wrote it? Were there more people who liked it or more who did not? Were the responses you got what you expected or hoped? How did you feel about it after it was published? Were you proud you wrote such an amazing book, or did you ever once think, "Maybe I should not have written that?"

i want to say thank you for writing *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Thank you for the inspiration, understanding, and courage you brought to so many! Keep writing powerful books!

Sincerely,

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