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Dear J.K. Rowling,

Expelliarmus! Your books have put a spell on me. Ever since third grade I have read and reread all of the magical books of Harry Potter and his whirlwind adventures. I am writing to let you know how your books have lifted my spirits and changed my view of the world and myself. After reading all five books I realized that the books teach valuable friendship lessons to everyone who reads them.

The first lesson I think everyone should learn is to pay attention to the actions of others and themselves. This lesson is exhibited when people make fun of others. I learned those people are bypassing the person's good qualities and going straight for their bad qualities. This seems so unfair and tears down one's self confidence. As I thought about this issue it made me think, do I really look at people's good qualities or do I make fun of their bad qualities? Sometimes I do make fun of others, but now I see the damage ridiculing causes. Also, I realized that this happens to many of my classmates daily. My classmates ridicule others and I don't think they even care if anyone's feelings get hurt. For instance, Draco Malfoy always makes fun of Neville Longbottom because Neville is bad at potions. What Draco doesn't know is that Neville is great at Herbology. After reading how Draco ridicules Neville and others, I learned the importance of this lesson. The next time I see one of my friends making fun of others I will encourage them to look

at the person's good qualities and not their bad ones. It is important not to hurt someone's feelings.

Secondly, I learned never give up on myself or friends. I discovered this message through Harry and his close friends Hermione and Ron. These three friends always had each other's backs in troubled and good times and were there for each other when they had doubts about their abilities. Through these events their friendship grew stronger. I hope discovering these valuable life-long lessons about friends and myself that I can improve my friendship with others.

Thanks for casting a spell on me!

Sincerely,

Logan Rassel