



Dear Ms. Mah,

Your book, Chinese Cinderella, gave me a second thought about my own life. In your book, young Adeline has to face many challenges. Her stepmother mistreats her, her siblings dislike her... It seems that nobody wants her in their life. Adeline excels at school, but all she actually wants is the love and understanding of her family. However hard her life may be, Adeline stands strong and overcomes her situation.

Chinese Cinderella was made up of many tragic stories- the most moving ones left me in tears. I think the most memorable incident in the book was when Adeline's pet duck was killed. The image of the vicious dog attacking the helpless creature is still greatly vivid in my mind. As I was reading, I tried to imagine how devastated Adeline must have been. Thinking about this was not very easy, but I knew that Adeline was furious at the world for taking away something that she truly loved. At that moment I realized that, if I were Adeline, I would have long given up- I could never make it to the end of the story like she did.

This book that you wrote, Ms. Mah, taught me to change my views about my life. I once thought that my world was harsh, but I can now see that I am very fortunate. My parents are wonderful, my friends are supporting, and my teachers help me in every way they can. Some people are not nearly as fortunate as I, and I see that now. Your book taught me to appreciate life, and feel lucky just to be myself. That is a lesson I will never forget.

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After I was finished with this book, I thought about all the times Adeline was mistreated. Then, I recalled the favorable events that happened to her. I comprehended that the book tells us that life can have wonderful times and terrible times. If you are strong enough to fight against the difficulties of life, you will eventually find the pleasant surprises life has in store for you. I know that that is what Adeline had done. Standing against the hard parts of life is what I will try too.

Sincerely,



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