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To: Bryony Weiss at Simon & Schuster
Subject: *An Invisible Thread* - FYE Conference

Ms. Weiss,

It was nice to talk with you at the FYE Conference in Orlando. I wanted to follow up with you and tell you about our experience with the book *The Invisible Thread*.

We adopted *An Invisible Thread* last year for 8 sections of our FYS classes as their common read. About 180 of our freshmen got to read this book. When I first learned about *An Invisible Thread* I wasn't sure if it was just another one of those hand me out type of stories. However, over the summer I read this book to determine if it was something that would be good for freshmen to read. I read this book in two nights because I could not put it down. It was the most real books that I have read in a long time. We also use an ethics book to discuss issues that may arise during a student's freshmen year and *An Invisible Thread* covered every one of those topics before we got to them in the Ethics book. We have read a lot of good book as common reads however, this one easily top the list for me.

We had 7 professors teaching this book last fall and every one of them are going to adopt it again this year. All those professors said that it was the best common read we have had since they started teaching this class. I have also talked with several other professors who are going to adopt this book this year instead of the one they had last year.

For the freshmen students, we had several of them do reading clubs in their resident halls on *An Invisible Thread* because they wanted to share this with other students that were not reading it for their common read. This book was an easy but engaging read for all freshmen. Many of my students were done with this book well before they had to be. My students test well on this book because they understood it and wanted to talk about the issues that came up in the book.

For anyone out there that is looking for an engaging common read, I would absolutely recommend *An Invisible Thread*.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information.

Thanks,

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