

Dear Laura,

My name is Ashley Hernandez and I go to Tillamook High School in Tillamook, Oregon. I read *An Invisible Thread* with one of my classes. It was sure a good book, and I really enjoyed reading it because I could make a connection with it. I have a connection with you because I like to help others and I'm really amazed of what you did in Maurice's life. I want to be like you and make a difference in someone's life.

I learned a lot of things from your book and one of them was to appreciate what I have because not everybody is as lucky as I am. Now that I think back to the past when I would get upset because I didn't get what I wanted for Christmas, it makes me feel really silly knowing that I know there are a lot of people who aren't getting anything. I can even imagine how Maurice had feel to have a first real Christmas when he never had one before. It must have been a wonderful feeling. I also learned that small things like a watch, or a simple brown paper lunch bag can make a huge difference in a kid's life. You have inspired me to help others and make a difference. I want to thank you for all the things I learned and for sharing Maurice's and your story.

Sincerely,
Ashley