

Dear Ms. Laura

I am Mirna Salazar Ochoa and I'm 14 years old. I live in Tillamook, Oregon. I go to Tillamook High School and I read your book in ESL class. Your book, An Invisible Thread touched me and made me realize that I should be thankful with what I have. I enjoyed your book a lot because it was a true story, and it had so many emotions in it. I was so shocked when you went back and asked Maurice if he wanted to go to McDonald's.

I was so happy that you took care of Maurice and gave him food and even went to his school to see how he was doing. I never thought that someone could change someone else's life like you did in a wonderful and amazing way. I hope someday I change someone's life in the way you changed Maurice's.

One of the things I admired about Maurice was that he would always say "It's okay, Laura" when you weren't able to see him or spend time with him. You changed and saved Maurice's life, and that for me is so amazing because you taught him how to be respectful, how to trust, and how to be a good father. By you showing Maurice those things I also learned that money isn't the most important thing in the world or in life. I learned that I should love my family and appreciate what I have and thank God for the wonderful family and friends he has given me!

Sincerely,
Mirna