

Dear Mrs. Hakim,

I love your social studies books. We read them all the time. My favorite was An Age of Extremes. When I grow up I want to write books.

My teacher is George Caggen his name is on the backs of all your books. I really enjoy all of your books.

Your friend,

~~Jonathan Yule~~

5th Grade

P.S. I will try to read all of your books.



DEAR JOY HAKIM,

I AM ALEK T. HYRA. I AM IN THIRD GRADE AT KEENE MILL SCHOOL IN SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA. LAST SUMMER I FOUND YOUR FIRST BOOK AT THE COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG VISITOR CENTER. THE DAY I GOT HOME I READ YOUR BOOK. IT WAS INTERESTING! 3 DAYS LATER I BOUGHT THE REST OF THE BOOKS. NOW I AM A FAN OF YOUR BOOKS. I WRITE WEEKLY AND SOMETIMES MONTHLY REPORTS ON THEM FOR MY TEACHERS. NOW I AM READING (AND ENJOYING) YOUR FOURTH BOOK.

I LIKE SEVERAL THINGS ABOUT YOUR WRITING. I LIKE THE WAY YOU MAKE IT SEEM LIKE YOU ARE TALKING TO ME AND THE WAY YOU SOMETIMES WRITE IN SECOND PERSON. IT HAS REALLY BOOSTED MY INTEREST IN HISTORY.

I WOULD LIKE IT IF MAYBE YOU WOULD WRITE SOME WORLD HISTORY. I ALSO MIGHT LIKE IT IF, I DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU WILL DIE, YOU WOULD CONTINUE TO CHRONICLE EVENTS AND INSTRUCT THE PUBLISHERS TO PUBLISH IT AFTER YOU DIE IF THERE IS ENOUGH MATERIAL FOR ANOTHER VOLUME.

SINCERELY,

ALEK T. HYRA

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Ms. Joy Ha Kim
Oxford University Press
New York, New York

Dear Ms. Ha Kim:

When I was in 2nd grade I was scared to go to 3rd grade because of Social Studies. I heard on T.V. that the worst subject for a student is Social Studies because it is boring. The T.V. people were wrong. When I got to 3rd grade we began using your books. They are exciting and funny. I love the political cartoons. Now I am in 6th grade. I really love social studies.

Sincerely,
Brittany Ayers

April 14, 1998

Ms. Joy Hakim
Oxford University Press
New York, N.Y

Dear Ms. Hakim: I really like your books because they have funny Political Cartoons in them. Our teacher tells us a story every day. We spend a lot of time discussing them. You treat us like intelligent people. You tell a lot about history. You tell a lot about the person, or place. I really like your books.

Sincerely,

Darcy Newman

Howell Middle School
Howell, NJ 07731
Mar. 31, 1995

Dear Mrs. Hakim,

While I was watching you in the Media Center I was inspired. You made me realize how important reading is in order to write.

Honestly, I don't read as much as I should. After today I think I will start reading more. I thought it was nice to actually come to the school. I wasn't really surprised that you hated Social Studies in school.

Whether you like a subject or dislike it depends on the grade level and how the teacher teaches. Because of my grade level I dislike all subjects.

Thanks for coming to the school and helping us put a face and voice behind the words.

Sincerely,
Zach Palamara