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Title of the book:
The Three Musketeers
Classic Adventure Series

Author:
Alexandre Dumas
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Dear Alexandre Dumas,

I have recently read your book, The Three Musketeers, and it really helped me change as a person. It was a heartfelt tale and it has helped me become a better person.

The first example that this book has helped me become a better person is because D'Artagnan does not let the opinions of others bother him. He doesn't care that people think he is cowardly and has a buttercup yellow horse. D'Artagnan knows himself better than anyone else knows him and knows what he is capable of. This has taught me not to listen or care about other peoples negative opinions about me. Some people tell me that I am too much of a girly girl to play soccer, but I know I am a fantastic soccer player and my team does depend on me. I know this and believe it no matter what other people think.

Another way the book The Three Musketeers changed my perspective of myself and the world is by being brave. In one part of the book, D'Artagnan chooses to risk his own life to be in a fight even though they are outnumbered by Cardinal Richelieu's guards. Choosing to be in a fight would be really scary but he still stepped up and helped out. It reminds me of when I performed in the musical at school. It takes great courage and bravery to do the performance in front of my whole school, all the teachers, and at night performances, the parents.

Finally, this book has helped me realize the importance of good, strong friendships. The Three Musketeers (and D'Artagnan) have to be good friends and rely on each other many times throughout the book. I think this is important because if it weren't for the three musketeers to rely on D'Artagnan and D'Artagnan to rely on the three musketeers, they might have not survived the big fight. In the past, I haven't had many friends, but after reading this book, I have gained more friends because now I think friendship is more important than I used to think it was. I am not as shy as I was because I know that everyone I meet can turn into a friend.

As you can see, this book has really helped me change. I cannot wait to read more of your books and see how they help me change my perspective about the world and myself.

Sincerely,

Abigail