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Dear Mrs. Teresa E. Harris,

Your book The Perfect Place has showed me a lot about building characters, and as I read this book I just fell in love with everything about it. I was deeply connected to your book the Perfect Place. Not only was this book exciting, fun to read, and a bit emotional, but it also taught me that sometimes things change for the better. Like many other people I have had to move before. I moved away from all my family and friends. When I first got here, like Treasure I did not want to be here. I was stubborn and did not come to except the recent changes that happened. It was hard at first I had to adjust to new people, and make new friends. Like Treasure life was hard and I wanted to go back to my home. But after some time eventually I learned that change can be for the better.

“It’s the first and most important of my Moving Rules: Don’t make friends. Avoid extended eye contact and turn down any invitations for play dates. Try not to smile. Don’t waste words, which means all small talk. Try not to speak unless your life- or grades depend on it.” (69) She had many ideas and rules on what to do and not do. All of rules in this one are mostly not to be social. I believe that she did this because she might have been worried that if she made friends she would have to lose them when she left. When I first moved here it was kind of the same except I wanted to make friends because I knew I was stuck in Wyoming for a while.

Lastly, the change in the story was exciting and a bit emotional. After all she had gone through and how much she thought she hated it, her perspective changed in the end. She had done things she normally wouldn’t have done and had experience she wouldn’t have experienced if not for Blake lake and her Great Aunt Grace. She said in the end, “This is nothing like the perfect place I imagined we’d live in with dad. Not at all. Auntie catches my eye and smiles. It’s better.” (263) Sometimes our definition of perfect isn’t the right one. For her it wasn’t her mind was changed and she realized that the perfect place was right where she was with her Aunt, sister, and mom.

Thank you so much, for writing such an amazing, beautiful, funny book, it was very touching and a book that I’m sure many other readers including me enjoyed. I’m so happy I was able to read this book and learn valuable meanings and lessons.

Sincerely

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