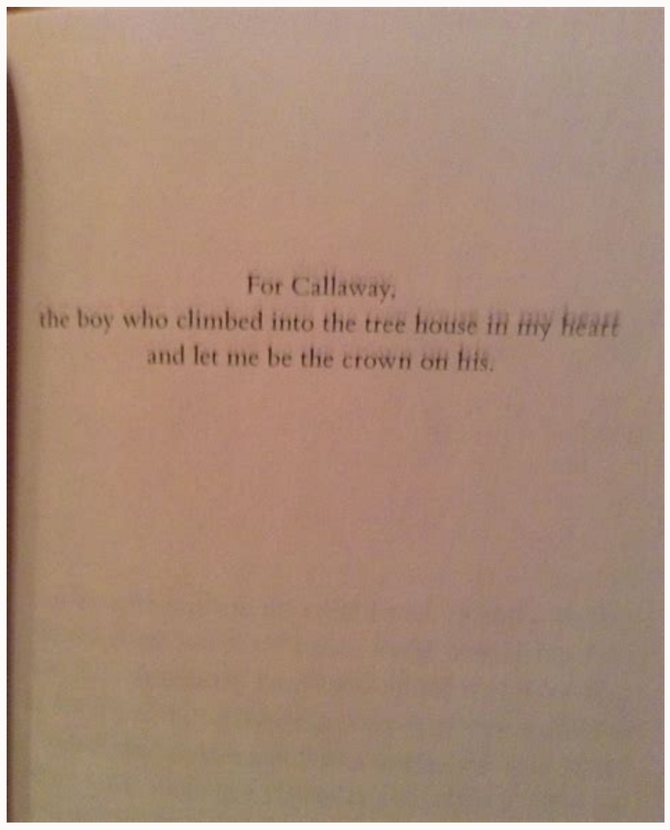


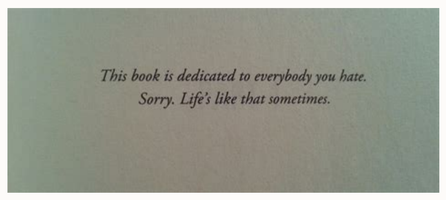
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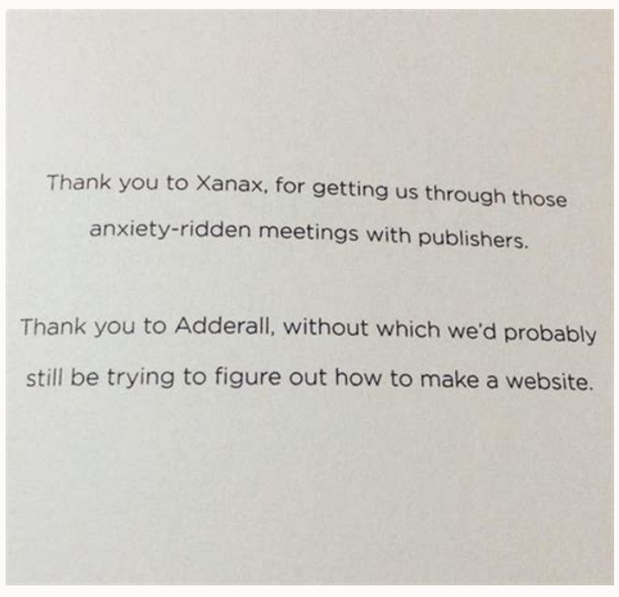
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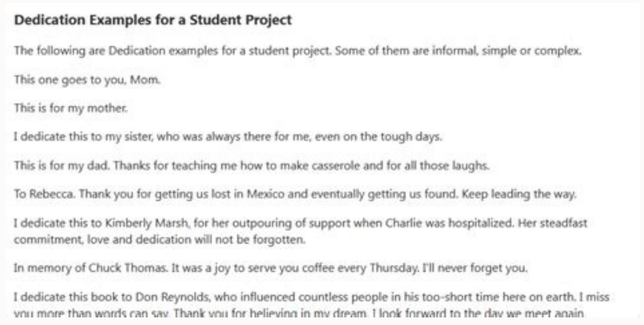


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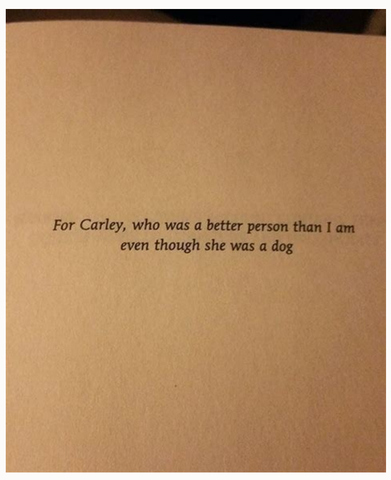


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She actually gives another shoutout in book 3 of the same series, Ungodly: To Athena and Izzy, the two coolest teens at the Centralia Library. If you're a children's or YA author, heading into schools and libraries and getting to know your young readers is one of the best things you can do to market your children's book. Even better if you're generous enough to dedicate a book to your new friends! 8. Derek Landy's rivalry with his cover artist Another entry from Derek Landy, and another dedication from the Skulduggery Pleasant series (this time The End of the World): This book is dedicated to cover artist extraordinaire, Tom Percival. For most people, the cover is the reason they pick up a book in the first place. The amount of correspondence I get proves this, as people go on and on about how the cover caught their eye, made them want to read about a skeleton detective, how the covers are the best things ever, how the covers blah blah blah... I think it's a generally agreed upon fact that I could draw the covers if I really wanted to. I have the raw talent, I have the eye, and I have one year of art college under my belt. And I think Tom knows this, which is why he pushes himself to excel each and every time, why he pushes himself to make these books stand out from the others on the shelf. The threat I pose is important. The threat I pose is a good motivator. Keep pushing yourself, Tom. My time is coming. P.S. You're welcome. This time, Derek takes aim at his book cover artist Tom Percival. Sure, the covers he produced for Skulduggery were iconic — but are his hard-earned skills any match for delusion? MEET COVER DESIGNERS Get an amazing book cover Let readers judge your book by its (professionally-designed) cover. 9. Douglas Adams' feedback from Mom From the introduction to Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency: to my mother, who liked the bit about the horse. Sometimes, your beta readers can give you invaluable feedback on your manuscript, and can cut through to the core of your story. Sometimes, they just like the bit with the horse. 10. Peter T. Leeson's proposal Who knew a nonfiction book could teach us so much about romance? Academic Peter T. Leeson took the opportunity to use the dedication to his tome The Invisible Hook: The Hidden Economics of Pirates to ask one very important question: Let's hope Ania didn't skip ahead! 11. Sean Danker's catch-all dedication Another short and sweet dedication, this time from Sean Danker's Enjoying Admiral: For everyone who only hears from me when I need something. This is a lesson that a book dedication can be a great, low-effort way to return a favor. 12. Juan Goytislo's powerful statement Spanish author Juan Goytislo's dedication to the novel Makbara is a thought-provoking one: To those who inspired it and will not read it. There are times when an interaction or individual will leave a profound impact on us, but this feeling isn't necessarily reciprocated, and Goytislo sums this up perfectly. 13. Charles Bukowski's disclaimer From Bukowski's debut novel: This is presented as a work of fiction and dedicated to nobody. Post Office is widely acknowledged to be a work of autofiction, and is in effect a memoir of Bukowski's own time working as a mail carrier. But — perhaps due to its lead's less-than-flattering portrayal — Bukowski took the opportunity in the book's front matter to deny the story was his own, leading to this iconic dedication. 14. Ben Philippe's reflection on what could have been The hilarious dedication to Ben Philippe's The Field Guide to the North American Teenager went viral: "If I ever wrote a book it was always going to be dedicated to my mom," Philippe said. Philippe explains that he wanted to write a humorous dedication to include the readers in the joke. "The rest of the blurb was honestly just something pithy because I tend to dislike first name dedications. They always feel like a private joke I'm intruding on as a reader. 'To John'… 'To Giselle'…I'm always left wondering if Giselle was a governess or a Parisian lover." 15. Salman Rushdie's cryptic acrostic Salman Rushdie's book of magical realist short stories, Haroun and the Sea of Stories, was written when he was in hiding. The dedication to the collection is hidden in plain sight: Zembla, Zenda, Xanadu: All our dream-worlds may come true. Fairy lands are fearsome too. As I wander far from view. Read, and bring me home to you.



This acrostic poem spells out the name of his son, Zafar, who the book is dedicated to despite their separation. The cryptic nature of this book's dedication also serves as a subtle prologue, introducing the theme of magic. 16. Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's sweet message to a friend From The Little Prince: To Leon Worth. I ask the forebearance of the children who may read this book for dedicating it to a grown-up. My first and most serious reason is that he is the best friend I have in the world. My second reason is that this grown-up understands everything, even books about children. And my third reason is that he lives in France where he is hungry and cold. He needs cheering up. If all these reasons and not enough, I will dedicated the book to the little bou from whom this grown-up grew. All grown-ups were children once — although few of them remember it. And so I correct my dedication: To Leon Worth when he was a little boy. As the author points out, you'd expect the dedication to one of the most iconic children's books of all time to be made out to a child in the author's life. Instead, de Saint-Exupéry chooses to dedicate it to an adult — but not without an apology to the kids. 17. Lemony Snicket's dedicated dedications Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events books contain a series of heartbreaking dedications to Beatrice, a departed lover: Image source: Tumblr But before you reach for the tissues, don't worry; Lemony is not just a pen name, but an entirely fictional creation of the real author, Daniel Handler — and dear Beatrice is fictional, too. 18. Nelson Demille's star-studded role call In his dedication to Wild Fire, thriller writer Nelson Demille takes a pot shot at other authors' tendency to bring up celebrities in their dedications on thin pretext: There is a new trend among authors to thank every famous people for inspiration, non-existent assistance, and/or some casual reference to the author's work. Authors do this to pump themselves up. So, on the off chance that this is helpful, I wish to thank the following people: the Emperor of Japan and the Queen of England for promoting literacy; William S. Cohen, former secretary of defense, for dropping me a note saying he liked my books, as did his boss, Bill Clinton; Bruce Willis, who called me one day and said, "Hey, you're a good writer"; Albert Einstein, who inspired me to write about nuclear weapons; General George Armstrong Custer, whose brashness at the Little Bighorn taught me a lesson on judgement; Mikhail Gorbachev, whose courageous actions indirectly led to my books being translated into Russian; Don DeLillo and Joan Didion, whose books are always before and after mine on bookshelves, and whose names always appear before and after mine in almanacs and many lists of American writers—thanks for being there, guys; Julius Caesar, for showing the world that illiterate barbarians can be beaten; Paris Hilton, whose family hotel chain carries my books in their gift shops; and last but not least, Albert II, King of the Belgians, who once waved to me in Brussels as the Royal Procession moved from the Palace to the Parliament Building, screwing up traffic for half an hour, thereby forcing me to kill time by thinking of a great plot to dethrone the King of the Belgians. There are many more people I could thank, but time, space, and modesty compel me to stop here. Taking the namedropping cliché to the extreme, Demille's dedication is a who's who of famous figures, from Bruce Willis to Julius Caesar. Talk about a dream dinner party. Can you name the literary device Nelson is using here? It's hyperbole, the art of feigned exaggeration for comic effect. FREE RESOURCE Literary Devices Cheatsheet Master these 40+ devices to level up your writing skills. 19. Agatha Christie's call to vicarious thrillseekers From The Secret Adversary: A good dedication makes the receiver feel seen, and this dedication does a great job of calling out to its target; those of us who are seeking more from life, and turn to literature to find it. If that sounds like Agatha's talking to you, head over to our list of the best Agatha Christie books to choose your next read. 20. Gloria Steinem's groundbreaking stand In her memoir My Life on the Road, feminist author Gloria Steinem took the opportunity to thank an important figure in her life: This book is dedicated to Dr. John Sharpe of London, who in 1957, a decade before physicians in England could legally perform an abortion for any reason other than the health of the woman, took the considerable risk of referring for an abortion a twenty-two-year-old American on her way to India. Knowing only that she had broken an engagement at home to seek an unknown fate, he said, "You must promise me two things. First, you will not tell anyone my name. Second, you will do what you want to do with your life." Dear Dr. Sharpe, I believe you, who knew the law was unjust, would not mind if I say this so long after your death: I've done the best I could with my life. This book is for you. By making this disarmingly frank confession, Steinem makes a powerful statement about her own politics and the kindness of a stranger who allowed her to pursue the life she wanted without judgment. 21. Sean Carroll's tribute to libraries Sean Carroll's dedication in The Particle at the End of the Universe: To Mom, who took me to the library. Libraries are different things to different people; a sanctuary to get work done, a free daycare, a convenient place to read "kittens for sale" notices. But for most people, especially young children, they're the breeding ground for a lifelong love of words — something that's clear from this dedication. 22. George RR Martin's thanks for a secret ingredient Can you imagine A Song of Ice and Fire without the dragons? In another universe, that version exists — but thankfully, not this one. In the dedication to A Storm of Swords, George R.R. Martin thanks an old friend, Phyllis, for encouraging him to take a calculated risk with his worldbuilding; one that paid off. For Phyllis who made me put the dragons in If you're a fan of George R.R. Martin's work, perhaps you'll want to read his later tribute to Phyllis Eisenstein, who sadly died of COVID-19 in 2020. It's clear she did a lot more than add the dragons. 23. Hillis Lory's note to his daughters In the dedication of Japan's Military Masters, Hillis Lory takes time to thank the people who matter the most — his children: Dedicated to two distracting little daughters, Priscilla, four years old, and Nancy, age two, who were no help in writing this book. While toddlers may not be the most helpful in writing a nonfiction book about the role of the military in Japanese life, they probably gave it their best effort. It's the thought that counts. 24. Rick Riordan's non-apology to readers When in doubt, dedicate your book to your reader: Percy Jackson author Rick Riordan dedicated The House of Hades, one of the books in his fantasy series, to his audience. But he couldn't resist getting the last laugh again. 25. Fonda Lee's dedication to fellow martial artists Many authors draw inspiration from their real life, and Fonda Lee took a moment in the dedication for Jade War to thank the real people who inspired elements of her action-infused urban fantasy: For the martial artists I've trained with and learned from A classy touch, and one that lets the readers know she knows what she's talking about! 26. Isabel Allende's family tribute The dedication to The House of the Spirits: To my mother, my grandmother, and all the other extraordinary women of this story This novel is a sprawling family saga, so it's only fitting that the author took a moment to pay tribute to her own family in her book's dedication — while also honoring her fictional creations in the same breath. 27. Paolo Cognetti's message of gratitude In the dedication for his coming-of-age tale about boyhood friendship, The Eight Mountains, Paolo Cognetti takes a moment to recognise the real-life friendship that inspired the tale: This story is for the friend who inspired it, guiding me where there is no path. And for the Faith and Luck that protected it from the start, with all my love. A dedication can be a great place to find clues regarding whether a story draws on an author's own experiences, as is clearly the case here. 28. Ruth Ozeki's touching memorial Telling the story of a 13-year old boy who has recently lost his father when he begins to hear voices, it's no wonder that Ruth Ozeki chose to dedicate The Book of Form and Emptiness to her own late father: For my dad, whose voice still guides me. A beautiful example of a dedication that speaks to the story to come, and says a lot with very few words. Revenge is best served in writing, as the dedication to Maskerade shows: My thanks to the people who showed me that opera was stranger than I could imagine. I can best repay their kindness by not mentioning their names here. Pratchett takes a moment to ironically "thank" friends who opened his eyes to a new form of art — albeit those eyes were closed immediately thereafter. 30. F Scott Fitzgerald's four iconic words Despite their tempestuous relationship, F Scott Fitzgerald's dedication to his wife Zelda in The Great Gatsby is as succinct as it is evocative: Once again to Zelda This dedication is almost as iconic as the novel that houses it. And we hope that, after reading these examples, you'll be inspired to write your own iconic dedication — or simply pay a little more attention to the next one you come across. You never know what you might find! I've written book dedications for all of my novels and books, so I know how challenging it can be to write a good one. Here's how to write a book dedication: Write a book dedication page by focusing on one person at a time, keeping it short, making it personal, and choosing a single emotion to convey. Study other great book dedication pages. You can also use a book dedication template or book dedication generator to make the dedication for you. In this blog post, you'll learn everything you need to know about how to write a book dedication they will love. A book dedication is a page (often the second page of the book) where the author writes a special message to someone important in their life. This could be a family member, friend, or teacher who encouraged them to pursue their dream of writing. Dedications are also sometimes used to honor someone who has passed away. In this case, the dedication might be a quotation or poem that reminds the reader of the person being honored. No matter what the reason for the dedication, it is always a nice gesture to write one. It shows that the author is grateful for the support they have received and wants to share their success with others. (This post may have affiliate links. Please see my full disclosure) I made this image – How To Write a Book Dedication There are many ways to write a book dedication to your friend, family member, mentor, or that other significant person in your life. After writing and publishing a half dozen books over the last 20 years, here are my best book dedication writing tips. It's no secret that a dedication is one of the most important parts of a book. After all, it's where you get to honor one special person (or a very few people) with this book. But with so many people to thank, it can be tempting to try to cram everything into a single page. However, when it comes to the dedication, less is definitely more. By focusing on just one person (or, at least, one person at a time), you can ensure that your words are heartfelt and sincere. Plus, your reader will be able to appreciate your words all the more. So next time you sit down to write a dedication, take a deep breath and focus on just one person. Remember, the book dedication is meant for one special person per book. You can thank everyone else in the Acknowledgements section. When it comes to writing a book dedication, it's important to choose a single emotion to focus on. Trying to be funny and serious at the same time can confuse the reader and take away from the impact of your words. By focusing on a single emotion, you can more effectively capture the essence of your dedication and communicate your feelings in a clear and concise way.

So, what's the best emotion to choose? It depends on the tone of your book and the message you want to convey. If your book is lighthearted and fun, you might dedicate it to "the joy of reading." If it's a more serious work, you might choose to dedicate it to "the power of stories." Whatever emotion you choose, make sure that it is authentic and meaningful to you. Only then will your dedication truly resonate with readers. A book dedication is a brief statement, usually just a few words, that acknowledges the people or things that have influenced your work. While it might be tempting to use the dedication as an opportunity to recount your entire life story, it's important to keep it short and sweet. A good dedication is positive and concise, and it gives readers a glimpse into your motivations for writing the book. There are a few reasons why it's important to keep your dedication short. First, dedications are often printed in very small type, so you want to make sure that your readers will be able to easily read it. Second, a long-winded dedication can quickly become boring, and you don't want to lose your readers before they even start reading your book.

Finally, a short dedication lets you leave room for a personal message from you to the reader. This can be a great way to connect with your audience and make your book even more special. A few well-chosen words will be just as meaningful as pages of prose, and they'll make sure that your readers keep coming back for more. When you're writing a book dedication, it's important to keep in mind that anything you include will be available for anyone in the world to read. You want to avoid anything too personal or negative.

A dedication is a great place to express your gratitude to the people who have supported you through the process of writing your book. Remember that this is a public statement, so you don't want to say anything that could be interpreted as negative or offensive. Keep it positive and make sure it's something you're comfortable sharing with the world. When it comes to book dedications, addressing the person you are dedicating the book to is of the utmost importance. Whether you address them by their first name (John or Nadia), by their role in your life (Dad or Wife), or with a nickname (Pops or Dream Girl), make sure that the dedication is coming from a place of sincerity. The dedication should reflect your relationship with the person and why you are choosing to dedicate your book to them. You might want to avoid cliches, such as "This book is dedicated to my one and only" or "This book is dedicated to the love of my life." Instead, focus on sharing a short, personal phrase or saying something that will resonate with the reader. If you're like me, then you want your book dedications to be more than just a list of names. You want them to be thoughtful and meaningful, conveying the reasons why you are dedicating your book to each person. And while it's important to be concise, it's even more important to be honest.

So rather than simply saying, "I dedicate this book to my mother," try something like, "I dedicate this book to my mother, who has always believed in me even when no one else did." By sharing the reasons behind your dedication, you can turn a simple list of names into a heartfelt tribute. One of the best ways to come up with a great dedication for your book is to read dedications from other books. You can look for dedications in books that are similar to yours in genre or subject matter, or you can simply look for dedications that speak to you on an emotional level. As you read, pay attention to the tone of the dedications and the types of people or things that are being honored. You may also want to take note of any particularly clever or memorable phrases. Once you've collected a few examples of inspiring dedications, you can start brainstorming your own. Keep these other book dedications in mind as you write, and don't be afraid to experiment until you find something that feels just right. Writing a book dedication can be a challenging but rewarding task. While there are no hard and fast rules for writing a dedication, you may want to consider taking a creative approach. This could involve using unique words or phrases, a quote or poem, or some other special way to tribute the importance of the person or people you are dedicating your book to. By doing something different than other authors, you can make your dedication stand out and leave a lasting impression. Not to mention, it can also become part of your "signature" as an author – giving your fans and readers one more reason to read your book. Trying out different styles can be a great way to find your favorite one. And you don't have to stick to just one version – you can write a few different versions and then A/B test them to see which one gets the best reaction from readers. So how do you go about writing multiple book dedications? Start by brainstorming some different ideas. Write them down in a list or in a document so you can refer back to them later. Once you have a good selection of ideas, start writing them out in full. Try out different styles and voices until you find one that feels right. Get feedback from others – their input can help you choose the perfect dedication. While dedications are personal, they can also be tied to the themes of your book. For example, if your book is about following your dreams despite obstacles, you might dedicate it to someone who supported you during a difficult time in your life. Or if your book is about the importance of family, you might dedicate it to your parents or grandparents. By tying your dedication back to the themes of your book, you can create a personal and meaningful message for your readers. It's finally finished. The last sentence is written, the final period is in place, and all that's left to do is come up with a dedication. For some authors, this is the easy part.

They know exactly who they want to dedicate their work to and why. But for others, the dedication can be a source of anxiety. After all, this is a public declaration of gratitude or admiration. It's also a permanent fixture in the book, so it's important to get it right. If you're struggling to find the perfect words, take comfort in knowing that there are no official rules for dedications. You can keep it short and sweet or write a heartfelt letter. You can even choose not to include one at all. So whatever you do, don't overthink it. The most important thing is that you're happy with the final result. The short answer is that you can dedicate a book to anyone. It's really up to you as the author. To help you come up with the perfect person for your book dedication, I made a list of 20 different people you might choose. You can dedicate your book to: SpouseFatherMotherSiblingBest friendMentorTeacherGrandparentsPerson featured in the bookInspirational personAnother AuthorCelebrityPetSpiritual leaderThe readerChildrenSomeone who passed awayHistorical figureLocal heroVeterans As we mentioned earlier, reading examples of book dedications is one of the best ways to learn how to craft your own dedication. In this section, I've collected and created the best book dedication examples. Example #1: I'm dedicating this book to my best friend, Sarah. We've been through a lot together, and she's always been there for me.

I wouldn't be the person I am today without her. Example #2: To my best friend. Thank you for your patience, your kindness, and most of all, your friendship. I couldn't have asked for more. This book is dedicated to you with all my love.

Example #3: This book is dedicated to my friend, Jane. You've been a true friend, and I can't imagine going through life without you by my side. Example #1: For my sweet little girl, who always keeps me entertained. I love you to the moon and back! Example #2: To my beautiful daughter, who fills my life with happiness. You are my everything.

Example #3: To my handsome son, who is the light of my life. I am so proud of the young man you are becoming. Example #1: To my mother, who always believed in me. To my father, who taught me to never give up.

To my parents, who showed me that anything is possible.

Thank you for your love and support. I dedicate this book to you. Example #2: To my wonderful mother, who always believed in me and encouraged me to follow my dreams. Thank you for your love and support, which have meant everything to me.

I am so grateful to have you in my life. To my amazing father, who has always been there for me. Thank you for your wisdom, your strength, and your endless love. I am so lucky to have you as my father and my friend. To the two of you, who have given me more than I could ever possibly hope for. Thank you for your love, your laughter, and your never-ending patience. I am so blessed to have both of you in my life. Example #3: To my adoptive parents, who took me in and loved me unconditionally. Thank you for everything. Example #1: I am writing this book in dedication to my grandfather. He was always such a huge supporter of my writing and encouraged me to never give up on my dreams. I know that he is looking down on me from heaven and smiling, proud of the woman that I have become. Example #2: This book is for you, grandma. Thank you for always believing in me. Example #3: To my twin brother, who is always there for me when I need him. I know we drive each other crazy sometimes, but I wouldn't trade you for the world. Example #1: To my mentor, Dr. Smith. Your guidance and support have been invaluable to me over the years. Thank you for always being there when I needed you. Example #2: To my mentor and friend, Jim Harrison. Thank you for your wisdom, your wit, and your friendship.

I am truly grateful. Example #3: To the best mentor a girl could ask for, my mom. Thank you for always believing in me and for teaching me to never give up on myself. I love you. Example #1: To my mother, who fought cancer with strength and courage. You are my inspiration Example #2: To all the cancer survivors out there – never give up hope.

Example #3: To those who have lost a loved one to cancer. This book is dedicated to you in memory of your loved one Example #1: To my second-cousin's ex-boyfriend's goldfish, may your bowl always be full of pellets and your life free ofalgae. Example #2: For my father, who never once read any of my books but always pretended to. Thanks, Daddio! Example #3: I would like to dedicate this book to my cat, Snickers, who always sleeps through my alarm clock going off; to my Grandma, who still thinks an '@' is a duck; and last but not least, to Wikipedia, without which I would never have finished this book at all. Example #1: To HerHand in hand we comeChristopher Robin and ITo lay this book in your lap.Say you're surprised?Say you like it?Say it's just what you wanted?Because it's yours—Because we love you.

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