

Dear Lewis Carroll,

My name is Myranda Bauman. I am a 5th grader at Southeast Elementary in Decatur Indiana. I read your book, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. You know when you are blowing bubbles and they all come out in one big group then pop separately? Well your book is like a bubble you have blown. It comes out in a cluster of bubbles, then flies off and never pops. Your book is the biggest jewel in the jewelry box. Well, to skip to the point it is a book in a bubble all it's own to me because it has changed me in a way I will never forget. It has shown me the exact person I want to be.

For instance your main character, Alice. She is sort of a strict but very intelligent little girl. In some way she sort of seems to be a little cocky, no offence none taken I hope. *Alice* showed me something. Sort of like a guide book. She showed me that I need to visit my own Wonderland and use my imagination a little more. She showed me I need to unbuckle my imagination's seat belt and let it drive my car like a mad man!!! I need to show the world the real Myranda Bauman and just be me!

Another thing it really changed in me is realizing I need to be free from things I'm pressured into doing but don't want to do them. Like some girls pressuring me to be mean to other girls I would rather have as friends. While I was reading your book I was in the book with Alice. I was talking to Cheshire Cat and listening to the Mock Turtle and The Gryphon crying. I was frightened by all the queen's harsh punishments. I was eating little cakes thrown by the busy White Rabbit. I was curious along with Alice! When I read it, it just simply transformed the way I think about things now or the rest of my life.

Your book is an ocean with all the wonders of the world in it. I spotted it and I dove right in. I discovered the treasures in every day life, but you can't see them because they are covered up by so many things that don't really belong in the world. Over all your put me in a thinking box and I suddenly understood that I need to be myself and stand up for what I think is right, even though I may stand alone. I need to tell people things that I normally wouldn't tell anybody. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is my new favorite book! I am always writing books of my own and you showed me I can write one as good as yours!!!

Thank You!!!

Sincerely,
Myranda Bauman