

Dear Margaret Peterson Haddix,

My name is Brooke Truax. As you've probably heard from readers many times, I love your books. The stories that you write for young readers like me across the country and everywhere else inspire me to write my own books. Not only that, but you've also taught me to think about the future and many other things. When you write a story, you research your topic so well it's sometimes hard to believe that it is not true. Like in *Turnabout*, you and a few of your friends researched many things about cells. I learned so many things from that book!

As I mentioned earlier, you've inspired me to write my own books. Actually, all of your books [as far as I know] are fiction, but they seem so real. And the book, *Just Ella*, seemed like a true story passed down from centuries. That is something that I also want to do; I would like to write my books so well that the fiction seems real. One of the other things that I want to do is to come up with some fictional names that sound mysterious, like you do in most of yours.

Also, you showed me that children and teens can accomplish things by doing what they believe in. Like in the *Shadow Children* series, some of the third children rebel against the future Government because even though there is enough food, all of the third children in the world would be killed if the Population Police found them. You and I both know that that's not right. And when I read that the children were going to rebel against them (the Population Police), I realized that teens and children can make a difference in the world.

I think that all of your books aren't only good picks for many readers, but that they are also inspiring and educational for anyone who reads them. If I'm lucky enough to have my work published, I hope that my books will be as good as yours. It would be nice to know that the people who read my stories could learn something from them. I hope that this letter will mean something to you, and I hope that you'll write twice as many books as you already have created. Thanks for being such a wonderful writer!

From one of your fans,
Brooke Truax