

Zack Hebebrand

Dear George Selden,

Your book The Cricket in Times Square has influenced me a lot. It has taught me that if you have fame, riches, and glory yet you are still unhappy with it, you should walk away from whatever you are doing. The idea of fame is overrated because being in the spotlight of a few people is probably more valuable than being in front of thousands of people. Before reading this book, I always thought having lots of money and having all that fame would be a great thing, but after I read this book I thought about that long and hard. If someone asked me if I wanted to live a normal life or have millions of dollars, I would probably choose a normal life.

You illustrated this point of a life of fame and riches being worthless by introducing your readers to the character of Chester the Cricket who became disillusioned with his fame and wealth. I believe the reason behind Chester's disappointment is the fact that his supposed fans stole from him. In the end, Chester the Cricket preferred a life of moderation, joy, and meaning. I have learned from Chester that the pursuit of happiness should be every person's biggest goal in life.

I enjoyed reading your book. Your story contained great life lessons, yet your book was entertaining and a pleasure to read. I really enjoyed reading your book.

Yours truly,  
Zack Hebebrand