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Dear Sharon Creech,

I have read almost all of your books, but *Bloomability* was the one that really stood out to me. Your book made me think back about my whole life and how fortunate I am.

For me, the main theme of *Bloomability* was opportunity.

When I was a baby, my birthmother left me on the doorstep of a Chinese police station. She abandoned me. I used to feel really angry, but most of all, I felt hurt inside. It pained me to think that I wasn't good enough for my own parents.

I still feel that way sometimes, but not as strongly because I have realized that if she had not left me there, I wouldn't have been adopted. I probably wouldn't be in this great country or be the person that I am now. My birthmother might have left me on that step, but that was the best thing she ever did for me. She gave me an opportunity; a "bloomability", I guess. She gave me a chance to start over, so that I could have another shot for a better life that she knew she couldn't have given me herself.

Dinnie had many opportunities in her life, but she didn't realize them until she went to Switzerland. Sometimes, she fought them, and sometimes she didn't. At the beginning of the story she felt alone and helpless. I felt almost exactly like her until I read *Bloomability*. I am continuously learning and noticing how lucky I am. My life has been full of opportunities, and now I just have to learn to take the right ones and make the most out of them. As far as I know, you only get one life, so you should definitely make it worthwhile and take whatever great "bloomabilities" life offers you.

Bloomability really showed me that life, love, family, and friendship are the most valuable things in the world. No one should take anything or anyone for granted.

Yours truly,

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