

Dear Robert Munsch,

When I was younger I didn't really understand what your book really meant, and I still might not, but to me your book has personal and special meaning to me. This summer my sister was in the hospital really sick and was pregnant with my nephew, Atlas. It was a really long summer and my mom and I were pretty much living in Missoula, Montana with my niece, Zoey. But I don't regret any of it because on August 28, 2015 my nephew, Atlas Orion, was born and we all were so happy. But he was really, really sick. Later that night, he had to be sent to Seattle, Washington because the hospital he was born at didn't know if they could give him the proper care he needed.

So when my nephew was sent to Seattle, Washington he was doing well and then he wouldn't be doing so great then after a little while his kidneys failed. The doctors and my sister decided to let him pass away a peaceful death. All night my sister and my family sat rocking him until he passed away and in that moment I would have sat there rocking him, and reading your book to him if I could have been there to meet him and to be there when he was passing away.

Your book is also really special to me because when I was young my mom would read your book to me and I just loved it so much. My mom and I would sit in my bed and she would read your book to me and my favorite part in that book is the part when the mom is rocking her little boy and is saying "I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, as long as I'm living my baby you'll be." No matter how big he is she will always be rocking him and saying that and when the mom is older and passing away he was rocking her just like she rocked him when he was younger. But the night when he comes home after his mom passed away he comes home to his little girl and that part makes me sad because I could never imagine when my mom and dad would pass away and just not knowing when. But when he was there with her is just the sweetest thing in the book.

Your book is very special to me and like I said in the beginning when I was little I didn't really understand what your book meant to me, but writing this letter made me think about a lot of things and it has brought back a lot of fond and not so great memories but this book has special meanings to me like all other people on earth all books mean different things and your book is something that no other book can relate to. So thank you for writing this book and thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,
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