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Dear Daniel Handler,

My name is Stetson Simmons Asay. I have read your book series of *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, and I thought they were amazing. Your writings on Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire have brought me joy and entertainment, even when they are miserable and sad. You always put a lot of hard work into your books and I thank you for that.

Your books brings me joy, because of how much it changed me. I sometimes feel like I'm the most unlucky person on this planet, but when I read how bad other's lives can be, like the Baudelaires, I see how lucky I am in comparison. I realize that, even if the books are fiction, that there are people who are having a much worse day then I'll probably ever have. For instance, if I lose a book I like, I would say, "At least I'm not being hypnotized by a fake eye doctor from the *Miserable Mill!*" that will make me feel better. Or when I do something I feel guilty about, I realize how it could have been worse. I never accidentally harpooned someone, like at *The Penultimate Peril*, or been forced to set a carnival on fire, like on the *Carnivorous Carnival*. When my sisters blame me for something I didn't do, I can always smile knowing how I could've been framed for murder like at *The Vile Village*, but I'm that lucky. And, when I'm mad at my parents, I can be grateful that they are still alive and not on fire. Because I have lost books, I have felt guilt for something I wish I hadn't done, and I have been blamed for something I didn't do. But thanks to your books, I feel better about my luck. Also, your books made me feel more caring and aware for the world. I realize that even though your amazing books are fiction, there are still people who lost their parents, you have been kidnapped, who are always worried about what will happen next. And because of your books, I think about this and put it into thought, and I'm really glad I did, because I feel sorry for them, and now all those who are struggling can have my help, because I'll be much more aware when I see someone having a series of unfortunate events.

Once again, I would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication put into your books. Your books have made me realize how lucky I really am, even if it doesn't seem like it, and made me want to help others when they are struggling. Your fantastic books have helped me an enormous amount, especially when I'm experiencing a series of unfortunate events.

Sincerely,  
Stetson Asay