

*Good Evening,*

*My name is [REDACTED], and when I saw your website and "contact" email, I had to reach out. In 1984, I was a young fifth grade girl at a small school in southern Wisconsin. Reading was my escape from a home life that wasn't always stellar, and had always been intrigued by the Holocaust. I had read your book, *Upon the Head of the Goat*, from our school library. and while all of my friends were writing to Judy Blume, or Beverly Cleary, I wrote a letter to you for a school project. I remember writing to your publisher and mailing my letter; wanting to know someone who had actually survived to tell their story about the horrific events I was learning about in my class. And you wrote back to me! You sent me a post card, from New York, that had the cover of the book on the front, and a nice note encouraging me to continue to learn. I still have that postcard, 40 years later!*

*I am now a high school social studies teacher who just finished my 26th year of teaching in that same small town in southern Wisconsin where I grew up! I have continued my passion for learning about the Holocaust; reading a ferocious amount of books, attending educator seminars at the USHMM in Washington DC, taking students to Dachau in Germany to learn first-hand about what we were learning, and teaching a *History of the Holocaust* class. I have been fortunate to travel to many of these historic places and meet many survivors over the years; but it was your book that started that all for me more than 40 years ago. Today, I was attending a Holocaust educator seminar here in Madison, WI and the facilitator asked when we started learning about the Holocaust; and the memory of your book and that postcard came back from a place tucked in my memory. When I went to "the Google" as my students call it, I learned that you were still alive in Florida, and knew that I needed to reach out. Thank you for sharing your story all those years ago, and for continuing to do so for the past 4 decades. As I continue to teach the lessons of the Holocaust and connect it to modern day genocide, the stories of survivors like yourself is evidence of the past and connects my students to the events they sometimes can't even fathom for themselves.*

*I just went to Amazon and ordered your books to re-read again as an adult and add to my classroom library for my students. I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you all these years later, and to let you know that your story continues in my classroom and with all of the students I continue to teach.*

*Warm Regards,*