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Dear Mr Dahl,

I fell in love with the story "Danny the Champion of the World". It was a compelling story. My favourite character in this book is Danny.

Danny was a loving and good-natured boy. I was very touched by the loving relationship between Danny and his father. Danny's mother died when he was a baby, and he was raised by his father alone in a shabby caravan, but he never had a moment of unhappiness or illness. Instead, he thought his life was full and exciting because he had the most marvellous father any boy could ever have. He said the "most wonderful of all was when I went to sleep, my father would still be there, very close to me."

As a small boy, Danny did a lot of exciting things with his father. They flew home-built gas balloons and kites together. Influenced by his father who was a car mechanic, Danny learnt how to disassemble and assemble car engines, and to start and even drive a car at an early age. I really envied him at times!

When Danny was nine years' old, he discovered his father's dark secret -- he poached pheasants from the wealthy Mr Hazel's woods. At first, Danny was shocked that his father was a thief. Later, when he met Mr Hazel, he found that he was a bully who looked down on poor people like his father. Out of a sense of justice and his love for his father, he decided to stand up to Mr Hazel and supported his father on poaching from Mr Hazel's woods.

I also admired Danny's bravery and independence. Once, he suspected that his father had had an accident during one of his poaching activities, so he took the risk to drive into the scary woods to rescue his father. It took a lot of courage for a nine year old to do that! From this, I could see that Danny really cared for this father and could do anything to protect him.

Danny was a kind person who showed his gratitude to those who were nice to him. He discovered that his headmaster had a habit of drinking alcohol at school. However, Danny decided to keep it a secret because his headmaster had always been kind to him, and he wanted to repay him. As a young boy, Danny was protective to those he loved and cared.

Last but not least, I think Danny was a clever and adventurous boy. He joined

the poaching game with his father and came up with the most fantastic idea to poach hundreds of Mr Hazel's pheasants right before Mr Hazel's Shooting Party in order to teach him a lesson. He put sleeping powder into the raisins and used them to feed the pheasants so that he and his father could take the pheasants away after they had fallen asleep.

Mr Dahl, after reading this book, I always dream about living in a caravan like Danny, learning to fix and drive a car, and having lots of adventures with my father!

Yours sincerely,

Isaac YU