

Dear Mr.Korman,

I thought the Gifted and Talented program was only in my county because my cousins and friends in other places never heard about it. That's just the beginning of my story. My best friend "D" and I, were supposed to take the test last year. We did not want to leave our school or leave the other one behind. So, we originally planned to fail – together!

Suddenly something bad happened and "D" moved to a different school. Now we had no choice. We had to try and pass the test to go the same school, next year. We met for play dates on weekends, but it was not the same. We decided to give it our best shot. I passed the test. But I did not celebrate, because I was waiting nervously for "D" to get his results from his old house mail box. Four days later, he got his results and he calmly said he did not pass. I was totally heart broken. I was so gloomy that I did not tell anyone I was selected or even think about it. I worried my friends will never play with me anymore. That's when my mother gave me Ungifted to read.

I flipped through the pages and was surprised to find that all the chapter titles had "Un" at the start and most words were unreal. The events in the book were very different from what I can even imagine but still there was something similar to my story. Half of me is like Donovan, because this boy was unhappy and unwilling to join the gifted program. The other half of me is like Noah because I passed the test. Another weird coincidence that you may not even believe is, we even have Mr. Schultz as Superintendent for the gifted program, just like Dr.Schulz.

You wrote each chapter in the book like a story told by the person under the title, but I did not understand the numbers after the names. I thought they were test scores or percentiles that were crazy high. Later I found out that percentiles only go up to 99 and the numbers in the titles were IQ Scores. To my surprise, 112 (Donovan's IQ score) was a low score which means Donovan was dumb? I was confused. When I got to the point where Donovan made the HUGE globe roll down the hill causing damage to an entire gym, it was OMG! I even thought if Donovan can be real, he was a fun kid that I want to hang out with. I just kept reading.

So many scary things happen but Donovan just keeps going. He doesn't think a lot. Just like THE GLOBE he is rolling down and mostly crashing. Like me, Donovan feels unhappy, scared, and lonely but I noticed how he tried to dig himself out with his busy hands and optimistic mind. I saw that he was slowly winning new friends. That made me smile.

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Then I thought about Donovan's "CQ: Curious Quotient" and "ME-Q: My Awesomeness Quantum" – which is someone's talents that make them special. I made that up.

I know quantum word because it rhymes with my name and I hang around my sister, who is in gifted high school with no life. But now I have ME-Q and I am not afraid of any school, any more. ME-Q is not a number. It is a list. If we can measure, Donovan's CQ would probably be about 950 out of 952. This was what got him into trouble. He got into trouble a lot, so it would be high. His ME-Q list wouldn't be very long, but it would have a talent for about every situation. It would be unique, like everyone else's! He is not a genius according to the score but only he found a replacement for Tin Man's motor. That's why Noah (me) needs Donovan (D) and Donovan needs Noah. ME-Q is cool because it lets us be together and work together.

The other good thing is, now I know ACTUALLY how it feels to go back. In my head, all my problems would be solved if I could go back to my old school. My teacher knows me and my friends are there. I was not thinking I have to go back to a new grade, even in the old school. When Donovan went back to Hardcastle, I was reminded my own friend "D" is not in my old school anymore. It is going to be a new teacher and new classmates. Noah is lucky he got to trick the school to move and be with his bestie. All I wanted is to be with my friend. That gave me an huge idea! My uncle had got me a new XBOX game. I bought the same game for my friend's birthday and we play together online.

So after reading your book, I got my friend back. We are going to be together, even when we go to different middle school or high school. I cheered up a lot and said "I am ready to be in the gifted and normal program, so now I am unlabeled."

Hope you will add this new UN word to your next book. Thank you very much.

Yours Sincerely

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