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Dear Tom Pace,

Throughout my life, I have always had friends to back me up. I did not realize how much that could change my life to be honest. I always just took it for granted, but your book showed me a new light - one that does not know where the light is so it leaves it up to you to find.

Once I started reading *The Mentor* about how Tony went so deep in the ditch but got back up because of friends, it made me realize that I may not treat my friends like that but they treat me like that. When I go deep in the ditch, they help me up, but, when they go deep in the ditch, I don't do a lot to help them. One time my friend was sad because his favorite teacher was leaving, and I did not do a lot to help him. Yet, one time when I was having a bad day because I did not feel well, he did everything he could to help me. I countered those thoughts as long as I could to help me from realizing the truth.

But as the words kept forming and I realized it may be true, it hurt me to think that. As I kept reading, I thought it may have been true page after page. It made me believe it more and more, but then I realized I was definitely not treating them as good as I could be. The part that really showed me to really believe this is when Tony changed everything about him so he could have a better life. That's what my friends are doing for me, but I'm not doing it for them.

Once I finished the book, I was speechless. I was trying to find the words to explain what I just read. I realized one thing: friends are there for you till the end and, if they aren't, then they aren't your friends.

My brother asked me how I liked the book, and I explained as well as I could what I learned, and he agreed with me. This book is like the world today. Only a few people actually help others by being there for them while others take that all for granted. They don't give back to their friends what they get from them. This made me realize how broken the world is and that I should be one of the people that helps not destroys.

Tom Pace, your book *The Mentor* taught me everything I needed to know about being a good friend and how good friends help each other. That's why I should help to lift my friends up when they are down.

Basically what I am trying to say is *The Mentor* fixed my thinking and my world because I now know how important some things in life can be and how important it is to make sure they know how important they are. I can now choose to be a better friend and a better person. I can choose who I choose to be. That is the best way I can describe it.

Sincerely,
Zachary Fralick