

# Sample Letter to an Author

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your address  
a.k.a. inside address

Mr. James Frey and Mr. Jobie Hughes  
195 Broadway  
New York, NY 10007

author (or publisher)  
address

Dear Mr. Frey and Mr. Hughes:

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Salutation

My name is John Doe and I attend the New Paltz Middle School. I am writing this letter because I read your book *The Power of Six*. I am writing this letter to say that I liked the book. I've included some parts I liked and disliked, and some questions. I also put in some suggestions of how the book could've been better, in my humble opinion.

introduce yourself + purpose

body paragraphs - single spaced - no indents

One of my favorite parts was how you went back and forth between John and Marina. I liked this because it gave different perspectives. Another part I liked was how John, Sam and Six were all "fugitives," and how the police pulled them over and John used his Legacies on the police so they could run. I liked this because it was a funny part in the book. I even liked how you had Six explain what happened to her when the Mogadorians captured her and her Cepen. I liked this because then I knew what happened to Six and how her Cepen died. I also liked how John and Sam found Number Nine. I liked this because then they are closer to finding all the Garde. Another part I enjoyed reading was when Sam and John fought the monsters to get the chests back from the Mogadorians. This is helpful because then they have more weapons and useful items, like the tones that transfers powers. I even enjoyed the battle at the end where John and Sam found Number Nine and he helped them fight the Mogs and the Pikens at the end. I liked this because I love violence, I feel like it makes up the story.

Likes

One part that bothered me in the book was how Adelina was a jerk to Marina most of the book and ignored her when she went to talk with her. Another part I disliked was how they hid in the cabin and only trained until the Mogadorians attacked them. I disliked this because the Mogs could've known where they went and waited until Six and John left before blowing up the house. Another reason I disliked this part is because one of the Mogadorians could've driven by looking for them while they were training and they could've been seen. I also disliked the part in the book where John wanted to meet up with Sarah and she contacted the police. I thought that was really mean. The last part that I disliked was how Sam was left behind, even though it wasn't on purpose.

Questions Dislikes

I was wondering if you were working on any new books? I would like it if you would come out with some new ones. Maybe you could write a prequel about what happened before the Mogadorians invaded Lorien, John's home planet. Another question I had was where are Numbers Five and Eight? Have they been captured too or are they still in hiding? A third question I have is what was it like to write the book? Was it fun but long, short and easy? Also

first person is o.k.

how long did it take to write the book? One final question I have is how'd you come up with the ideas for *I am Number Four* and the *Power of Six*? I would like it if you would write back please.

more opinion, etc. ↴

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Some ways the book could've been better, in my opinion, was if Sarah went with John, Six and Sam to help them. This could've made the book better because Sarah knew everything and she could've trained with John, Six and Sam to help them fight the Mogadorians. This could've made it better because then Sarah would be more useful than waiting around and being useless. Another suggestion I have is that instead of getting Nine's, chest John and Sam should've found Six's chest. This would've made the book better because then Six would be excited to be able to have her chest in her possession again. One final suggestion I have is that John and Nine should've help Sam search for his father instead of leaving him inside to search for his dad alone. John and Nine should've helped Sam search because then his search would've gone a lot quicker and they could've left before Setrákus Ra arrived at the cave. Thank you for reading my letter. *ask for him/her/they to write back.*

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Sincerely yours, > closing

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*John Doe* > put your real signature here  
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John Doe > type your name

This is not a perfect letter.  
It was written by a student  
a few years ago. However, it  
is an excellent sample/model  
for you to use when you are  
writing your letter to an author.

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