

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

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Dear Verna B. Williams,

Your book *A Chair for my Mother* meant a lot to me because I experienced a house fire like Maria. It also destroyed my whole house. Just like Maria I lost something I loved; I lost my cat. When I read your book, it made me feel better. I felt like I was going to get a new house, and people helped our family like Maria's family. Everything they did for Maria they did for us. They gave us checks, cards, and a lot of help. They also gave us things that they didn't need anymore like phones and furniture. Then I lived in a trailer, and like Maria, I had a lot of hard times in there, like the death of my uncle. But when stuff like that would happen, I would read your book and then I would feel comforted. So thanks for writing *A Chair for my Mother*.

Thank you,

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