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Dear John Green,

Sometimes I'd just sleep in, letting time slip by like sand through an hourglass. But *The Fault In Our Stars* made me realize that time goes too fast... or, rather, we make it speed by us. You showed me that every second has a meaning; that one memorable second is worth a thousand meaningless seconds.

First, let me say this: Post reading, I noticed that everything I thought about for the next 24 hours originated from Hazel and Augustus' trip to Orangee. Even though they were both going through horrible times in their lives, they managed to be happy in the rush of the world and enjoy time. They suspended the world, and I realized that only then can one truly be happy.

As I read on, I started wondering why we make time fly by, instead of savoring it. We only get so many seconds - so why waste them?

After finishing your book, I started to cache my day in my head so that I could go over everything I learned, relive the most joyful moments, and find hidden meanings. I even rediscovered my old pocket notebook... that I had only written in once. Now I write daily, and even when I don't, it is still with me, in my pocket, to live my life with me and remind me that each little thing amounts to something bigger.

Your book opened up a billion doors for me. It showed me new light and freed me from a box that contained all of my thought about life.

Sometimes when I am bored I just lie down in my bed and fall half-asleep - on purpose - just to dream. So that I can remember it; to reveal something. So really, I sleep to dream. But when I'm not dreaming, I wake up an hour early to live an hour more.

Best wishes,  
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