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Subject: Thoughts.

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 4:52:41 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Carolyn Yoder

To: Carolyn Meyer

Carolyn:

As I said, I am shooting to get my comments to you next week. I am half way through the manuscript.

Heads up: the beginning is strong and Margaret is dealing with issues like growing up, rules, boys, her mother, etc. Once she gets to college her issues get lost. I really wanted to see what she is dealing with after leaving home-- more of how she feels about her father's death, college life, her beginning passion for photography, etc. Tensions and dramas seem to be needed here. Also, the other characters at school need to be much more defined. (In the beginning, her brother is lost, but her mother and father and sister seem fleshed out. Gil also doesn't feel developed enough for the reader to care about him. Margaret at times doesn't really seem to care about him -- or think about him. How does Gil point to a change in Margaret.)

I think certain scenes could be much tighter -- concentrate on how the important scenes that point to her evolution. (At times, I think you're trying to get everything in.)

Hope this helps.

C

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