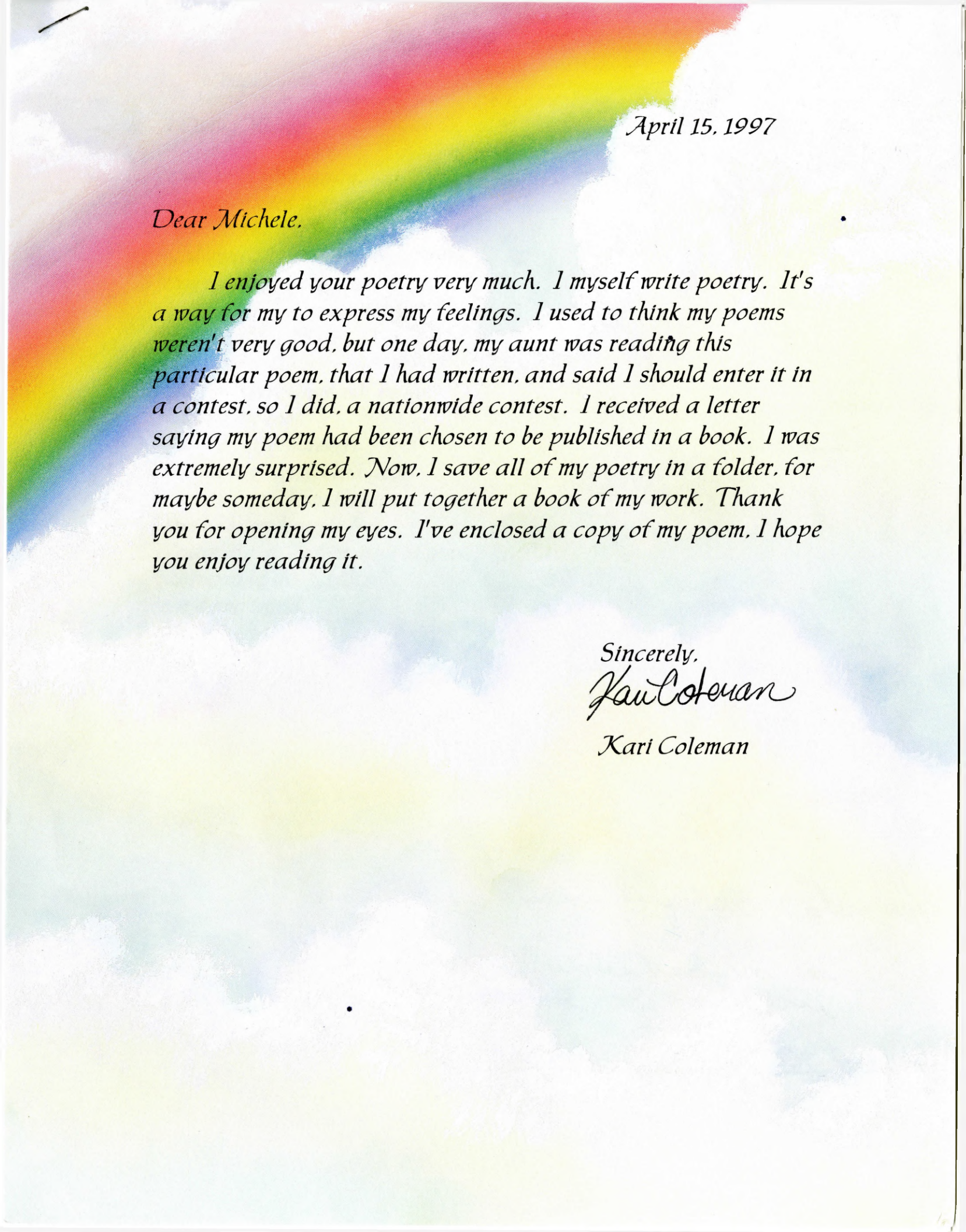




*April 15, 1997*

*Dear Michele.*

*I enjoyed your poetry very much. I myself write poetry. It's a way for me to express my feelings. I used to think my poems weren't very good, but one day, my aunt was reading this particular poem, that I had written, and said I should enter it in a contest, so I did, a nationwide contest. I received a letter saying my poem had been chosen to be published in a book. I was extremely surprised. Now, I save all of my poetry in a folder, for maybe someday, I will put together a book of my work. Thank you for opening my eyes. I've enclosed a copy of my poem, I hope you enjoy reading it.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kari Coleman*

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