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Michele,

I just wanted to say that I admire your work and am always inspired when I read your writing. In fact last night in my English class we brought in our favorite books and I brought Role Model. I wanted to bring Chicana Falsa but my friend had "borrowed it" about a year ago. And in May I am giving a presentation in class about you. It is an autobiographical writing class and my teacher loves your writing. Thank you for giving me an A in advance!

I won't take up too much of your time, but I just wanted to get some advice from you? How do you prepare to write? How do you process what you see around you? And last but not least how do you confront those childhood horrors? I must say that I see myself in every word that you write. Thank you for being an inspiration.

Oh, when are you coming to Santa Cruz again. I saw you last year at Cabrillo College and you gave me a small brown girl shirt (well, I actually won it). I gave it to my niece and we wear our matching shirts when we go out. Every time I wear it I get tons of compliments and I plug your book and website. Ok enough out of me, I guess I should actually do some work since they are paying me to email you ☺

Thanks again
Erin Alvarez

P.S. I tried to email this but it was undeliverable (another attempt by "the man" to keep us from each other ☹).