

Some of the Fan Mail for Butterflies

Hi Susanne!

I have just finished reading Butterflies and I must say it is one of the most inspiring books I have ever read!

It is quite compelling.

To be completely honest, I didn't think I'd like it at first, but once I got into it, I was hooked. Where did you get the inspiration for this story?

I seemed so real.

I just wanted to tell you that I enjoyed your book and good luck in New York (I think that's where you're going)

I'm just about to start *that's why I wrote this song*

From Gabrielle

Susanne, before reading butterflies I thought the only way to be pretty was to be perfect, the hair the face the looks, but it's not true, I read butterflies in 3 days, I couldn't put it down, it made me really feel good about myself, and think about what it would be like if I was Katherine, she went through a lot and knew in the end that if she didn't turn out perfect, it didn't matter, she learnt to be grateful to be alive and live with her burns. It's was one of the best books I have ever read, thank you for giving me a masterpiece to read.

Hi Susanne, I just want to say how wonderfully compelling your novel, butterflies, is. I am very new to your books and at first when I read butterflies I wasn't sure about it but with every word it grew on me more. Even though I am not a burn victim and don't know anyone who has suffered from this, your heartfelt novel engaged me like no book has ever before.

I would like to know if there will be a sequel? Congratulations on your incredible novel and I wish you a successful career.

Dear Susanne Gervay

I loved your book Butterflies and if this has not yet been suggested it is I think a great idea. The book Butterflies made e cry and a movie would be even greater.

Thanks Jessica

Butterflies was brilliant

Dear Mrs Gervay,

I read your book *Butterflies* in five days because it was just brilliant I thought. I'm sure you have many other brilliant novels and I would really appreciate it if you would recommend some to me.

I really like reading and I like your style of writing.

Thank you

Sincerely, Alice

Today as I was reading butterflies, I tried very hard to put myself in Katherine's shoes. I cried more than I usually do. I just love the way you describe how she feels, and her surroundings.

Thanks for giving me the joy of reading your work.

Rhianna

I would just like to say that you have a truly beautiful writing style. I was 12 when I first read 'Butterflies' last year and the story drew me in straight away. The language you used was truly exquisite. Thank you so much for writing such a wonderful book.

From Lucinda (Lucy)

Hi Susanne my name is Natasha Smith and I'm currently in year 10 at a school in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. For an English project this term, I was asked to read a book and complete an oral presentation and written response on it. As part of the oral, I was asked to talk about the author of the book that I read. Because I read your book-'Butterflies' (I loved it!) I have to complete part of the oral presentation talking about you and your life. Unfortunately, my computer is not letting me get into the "About Susanne" page of this website so I was just wondering if you would be able to send me some information.

Thank you so much, Natasha.

Organisation: Cleve Area School

Hi. I'm in year 10 at school and I've recently finished reading your book Butterflies. Good book, good book!

So good in fact I've decided to review it as part of an English assignment. To help me out I thought I'd ask you a few questions to do with the book.

Did you actually spend time with patients in the Westmead Burn Unit?

Was it an incineration pit that Butterflies character, Katherine, fell into at age 3? Was it age 3?

And if there's any other information you think would be useful to me would you be able to include it.

Thanks a lot

Dear Susanne,

I'd just like 2 thank u on writing your book "butterflies." I am 14 years old nearly 15 and am also a burn victim which find myself coincidently like the Katherine in your book. We have same names, similar situations and with supportive friends. While she has a good friend called Jessie, I have a very similar friend called Elizabeth who also happens to have a small scar on her neck like Jesse which she did try to comfort me with one day when another friend not meaning any offence pointed out the scars on my arm. I also have a beautiful sister called Michelle who may be annoying but is only 7! However, I'm not as bad as Katherine seeing as I don't need grafts and had mine from boiling water as I poured it on myself and my right arm when I was 10 months. Mostly it is 1 degree burns except the middle part of my arm which is 3 degree burns. I still go to a normal high school ...and have swimming and piano coaching once a week.

Throughout your book, I've realized hope and it gave me a greater courage throughout life reading about another girl with similar situations and with that I'd like to thank you because I have never read a book as good as yours. It is very inspiring. This is just a suggestion but I would really like it if u wrote a sequel to that book, maybe about Katherine's life when she's older and more mature. A returned email will be appreciated.

Thankyou,

Catherine

Oh my gosh! I can't believe that I got an e-mail from the author of butterflies. The book is just so touching, and I can relate to it on a number of different levels, I have been though a number of things, just like Katherine, and it's just so touching. The boys in my class have even enjoyed this book, and I'm trying to get my teacher to understand it more, but his not getting the hang of the book. I doubt very much he is going to believe that I have spoken, well written to the author of the book!!

You have very beautiful names for all of your books, and they sound like they would be lovely, are the much like butterflies? Thank you for writing back to my e-mail!!

Mindi

Could you please tell me what made you call the book butterflies? Thank you.

P.S. I LOVED the book, I couldn't put it down!!

Hey thanx a lot u information got me an A in my assignment!!! Your book was fantastic I loved it I finished it in 3 days I just couldn't put it down.....

Thanx again Megan

I love your book butterflies and I want to do it for the subject of my negotiated studies. Do you know some one with burn injuries? What made you write a book on the subject of burn survivors?

Description: hi! I'm from Tasmania and I've just read your book Butterflies and I am now doing I big assignment on it. I really loved the book!

Cheers! Jaimee

I loved Butterflies! I seriously think that you should work on making that into a movie. I'll help you all the way if you need it!