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Dear Ms. Mindy Kaling,

I have just recently read your autobiography "Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?(And Other Concerns)" and really enjoyed it. I found it very interesting to learn about your background and struggles in life. After watching *The Office* the first time, I recognized "Kelly" on the cover of your book and absolutely had to read it. Being that your character is one of the funniest on the show and I've watched it about 8 times through, I wanted to know who you actually are and if your character related to you in any way. This book did exactly what I had hoped, I was able to get a feel for who you actually are and could hear your voice through the words written.

I was able to relate to a lot the topics you covered in your book. One of my favorite chapters was "Best Friend Rights and Responsibilities". I loved the format used and the humor that was laced throughout the paragraphs. The section entitled "I will try to like your boyfriend five times" definitely struck a chord with me and made me think about the number of my friend's boyfriends that I have definitely passed judgement on before I really knew them. Also, having been very close with one of my best friends for about 12 years now I am able to understand your connection with Brenda, and how much you value her friendship and personality.

I can't deny that your chapter about being in *The Office* was captivating. I loved how you compared what you would do that Kelly does in contrast to what you definitely wouldn't do. Learning about the interview process and auditions made me anxious but was super insightful. Your relationship with the other cast members was very enlightening and made the whole "family sense" in the show even more convincing actually knowing that you had a connection with each of your costars.

Learning about how you became an actress and writer was fascinating. The frustration and effort that was put into achieving your dream is inspiring to me. Moving to New York with your best friend with high hopes, just to find that getting a job was nearly impossible and starting from the bottom of the totem pole in order to make it to the top shows just how motivated you were from a young age. I am a senior in high school and with college just around the corner, it can sometimes be discouraging thinking about my future and the possibility of not becoming all that I hope to be. Learning about your hardships and most rewarding moments has definitely taught me to never give up hope and to keep trying no matter what obstacles I may come across.

Altogether, I thoroughly enjoyed your book and will positively reach for it when I'm in need for some words of advice and inspiration. Thank you for sharing your story with people like me, who could relate to the embarrassing and awkward stories of your childhood and teen years. I know that I am not alone and can achieve anything I put my mind to, even if it means starting from the bottom in order to get to the top.

Sincerely,

Ava LaRue