

Dear Lisa Harrison,

It's Not Easy Being Mean gave me courage. Before I read this book I had some friends, not as many as I wanted to have. Just like Massie, I was mean. People did not want to be around me. Kind of like when the Pretty Committee kicked Claire out because they thought she turned on them. It changed by telling me not to be mean and I'll have more friends.

After I read TITLE it, it showed what *mean* is. Mean is all sorts of things like badmouthing someone or bullying them, not necessarily physical contact. I found out that I was being mean in some ways to my friends. So I tried to stop but I had trouble stopping. I read this book again so I could find ideas on how to stop being mean. I learned to apologize to your friends and make up with them. So I went and apologize to them, and then they wanted to know why I was being mean. I told them it was because it felt cool and I also got to hang out with the popular kids. Then I told them hanging out with them was better, and they believed me.

I think now that I read this book I will have a ton of friends forever. I will grow up and get a great job and never get fired because I will always be nice to people. I'm very helpful too. Now I will always think before taking an action. Near the end Massie let Claire back in because they made up. Claire gave Massie the key for "**the room.**" I guess I got the key too...the key to friendship.

Sincerely
Leah

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