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To Whom it May Concern:

We had a guest speaker come in today, an inspirational speaker named Siobhan Kukolic. I am usually suspicious of inspirational mumbo jumbo because it always sounds so cliche, but there was something different here. She gave real examples from real people (living and dead) who had gone through the same (or similar) hardships that people go through everyday.

It was a refreshing new perspective. Most people just spout over used sayings and expect you to believe them at face value. "Oh! I've heard that before! It must be true!" No... People can be so gullible. I believe there needs to be more; give me a reason to feel enlightened, show me I can, give real hope to those who can't see it for themselves.

I feel that Siobhan achieved this. Sure, it may have started out as a blog project to jump start a writing career, but then it turned into so much more. This goes further than a blog, to a now highly acclaimed book.

Siobhan is a wonderful person. After her presentation, I inquired about getting a copy of her book for myself but I didn't have any money with me to buy one. Before she left she gave me a personally signed copy, took a picture with me and gave me a hug. I wish her the best of luck with her #AMillionTreasures mission and I hope she continues to inspire new people everyday and everywhere she goes.

Sincerely,

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