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"As a teenager I suffered depression and I literally wanted to disappear from this planet. Then my psychiatrist recommended that I read *BEING HAPPY!* Everything made sense. The book helped so much. Now I am a 26-year-old woman, I always give my best to everything. I keep on smiling and believing in myself."

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"My Mum introduced me to this book when I was a teenager and going

through teenage years of anger, frustration and helplessness, unable to communicate, with zero self-esteem and confidence. Since then I have never looked back in life."

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"Your book *BEING HAPPY!* was the first self-help book I ever read. *BEING HAPPY!* changed my life and encouraged me to be all I can be.

"I now have four novels to my credit. Thank you, Andrew, for helping us to believe in ourselves."

Susan Cline, Texas, USA

"I was born in 1984 but only started to live in the year 2000 after reading *BEING HAPPY!* I was a very shy and sad girl. So many things have changed ever since I read your book. Now I am stronger, happier and more confident.

"Thank you for the great difference you have made to my life."

Maria Monica Franco, Taguig City, PHILIPPINES

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S. K. Leggate, Fernley, Nevada, USA

"I LOVE YOUR BOOK. I keep it on my bedside table and refer to it as my Bible. Thank you for everything!"

Robin Horowitz, Psychiatric social worker, LA, USA

"BEING HAPPY! changed my life. I have become more successful in everything I do. I went from bank teller position to branch manager in less than 6 months. I have never been happier. I have given your book to several people because they wanted to know how I did it.

"Thank you, Andrew Matthews, for giving me the means to be happy!"

Nancy Hayes, Tok, Alaska, USA

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