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Books are my best friends during summer breaks. This year, I would like to read "Everyone Is Beautiful" by Caroline Strong. The first part of the book, respecting others, emphasizes the importance of being open-minded towards others. When we encounter different personalities, habits, or opinions, how we should react would be discussed in this part. The second part of the book teaches us how to embrace our strengths and shortcomings. The ways to avoid negative emotions such as jealousy and despair are the selling point of this book.

Both of the books look equally appealing. However, I am attracted to this book for two reasons. First, I believe mutual respect is the foundation of a peaceful and harmonic society. For example, Charlie shooting in Paris and protesters in the USA both resulted from disrespect for other cultures. As world citizens, we should thus learn to respect others the way we respect our families. Second, I want to learn how to fully love myself. There are always times when I felt depressed and wished I were born differently. However, I believe this book will teach me how to be true to myself and lead a happier life. These are the reasons I choose the book, and I cannot wait to embark on my journey of reading.

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On a lovely spring day, the birds were singing happily, and white clouds were floating in the blue sky. A gentle breeze blew through a garden full of beautiful flowers. “What a wonderful day,” I thought as I stood by the garden. However, as more people arrived to see the flowers, they ignored the sign saying, “Welcome to take pictures, but no TRESPASSING!” They stepped on the flowers like they were just dirt, caring only about taking pretty photos for themselves. Seeing that, I sighed with disappointment.

Since we were young, teachers and books have taught us to care about others. Yet, in our daily lives, do we truly practice this, or do we only think about ourselves? I can easily imagine the sadness and tears on the owner's face when he sees the garden he built with his own hands destroyed. Instead of hurting him, we should be thankful for his hard work and follow the rules. As the saying goes, “Think twice before you leap.” We should always consider whether our actions might hurt others, and this is the important lesson I learned from visiting the garden.

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At the year-end prom night, flowers, sweet cakes, and drinks filled the air with a lovely scent, and everyone was waiting to see the new prom queen. When Elizabeth was chosen, she could hardly believe it. However, everyone was happy to see such a lovely girl walk onto the stage and accept the crown, including Paul, a waiter working that night. Paul was deeply drawn to Liz's beauty and decided to talk to her. Being a handsome and gentle boy, Paul quickly caught her eye. They talked happily and found that they shared many interests, especially their love for Taylor Swift. Paul even hummed her hit song "Love Story" to make Liz smile. Soon, Liz had to leave because the school dorm closed at ten. As she walked away, Paul decided to follow his heart and give her a surprise.

Paul went to the school dorm with a guitar and sang "Love Story" loudly so Liz could hear him. He hoped to see her on the balcony, just like Romeo and Juliet in the song. However, the other students came out feeling annoyed and scolded him for making too much noise on a quiet night.To Paul's surprise, Liz walked out of the dorm. He stopped singing, and everyone went quiet to watch. With a gentle breeze blowing through her hair, Liz gave Paul a sweet kiss and said, "Let's enjoy the starry night."