**My Childhood by Charlie Mellen-Daniel**

In my childhood, I made many friends.

Wizards, Witches,

Hobbits, Dwarves, Elves,

Rebels, Smugglers,

Half-Bloods and Satyrs.

We went everywhere together:

A school,

A camp,

Across not just the entire world

But entire galaxies.

We conquered Dark Lords together,

Fought together

And died together.

And all that time

They were never really there.

But they are real to me.

Lord of the Rings taught me

That the company of others is always best

And that you should go on ‘til the end.

Star Wars taught me

To stand up for what I believe in

And that we choose our own sides.

Harry Potter taught me

That true friends always stay by your side

And to never give up.

Percy Jackson taught me

That people can be both evil and good

And to not judge a book by its cover.

They taught me so much.

And all that time

They were never really there.

But they are real to me.

They taught me one last thing.

They taught me to believe.