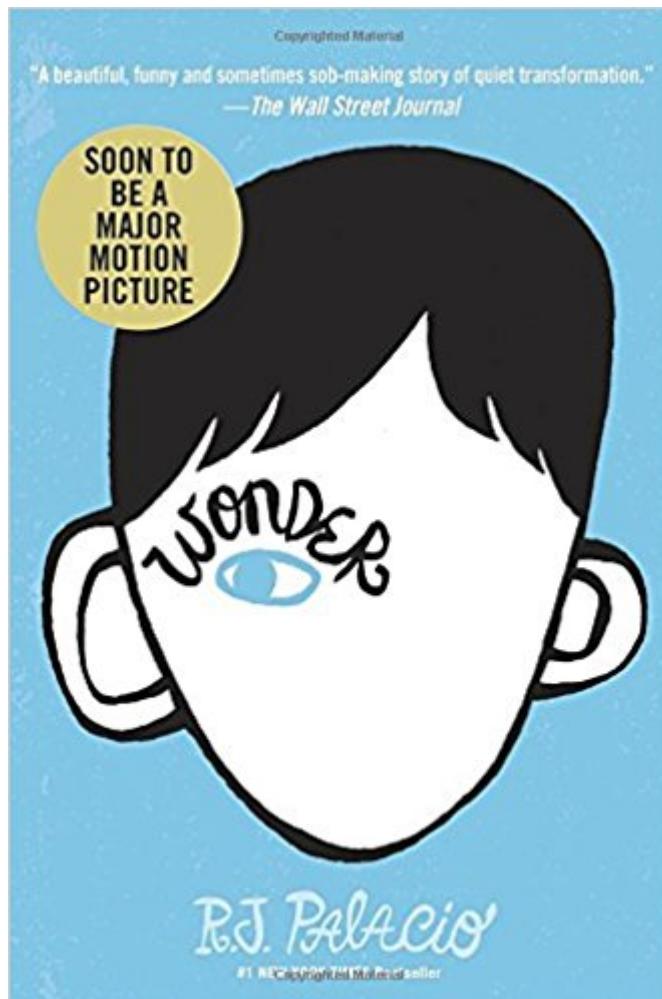


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# Wonder



## Synopsis

SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE STARRING JULIA ROBERTS, OWEN WILSON, AND JACOB TREMBLAY! Over 6 million people have read the #1 *Â New York Times* bestseller *Â WONDER* and have fallen in love with Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face. *Â The book that inspired the Choose Kind movement.* I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse. August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kidâ but his new classmates canât get past Auggieâs extraordinary face. *WONDER*, now a #1 *Â New York Times* bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggieâs point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one communityâs struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. "Wonder is the best kids' book of the year," said Emily Bazelon, senior editor at *Slate.com* and author of *Sticks and Stones: Defeating the Culture of Bullying and Rediscovering the Power of Character and Empathy*. In a world where bullying among young people is an epidemic, this is a refreshing new narrative full of heart and hope. R.J. Palacio has called her debut novel "a meditation on kindness"â indeed, every reader will come away with a greater appreciation for the simple courage of friendship. Auggie is a hero to root for, a diamond in the rough who proves that you canât blend in when you were born to stand out. Join the conversation: #thewonderofwonder

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Best Books of the Month for Kids, February 2012: Wonder is a rare gem of a novel--beautifully written and populated by characters who linger in your memory and heart. August Pullman is a 10-year-old boy who likes Star Wars and Xbox, ordinary except for his jarring facial anomalies. Homeschooled all his life, August heads to public school for fifth grade and he is not the only one changed by the experience--something we learn about first-hand through the narratives of those who orbit his world. AugustÃ¢Â¢s internal dialogue and interactions with students and family ring true, and though remarkably courageous he comes across as a sweet, funny boy who wants the same things others want: friendship, understanding, and the freedom to be himself. Ã¢Â¢It is only with oneÃ¢Â¢s heart that one can see clearly. What is essential is invisible to the eye.Ã¢Â¢ From The Little Prince and R.J. PalacioÃ¢Â¢s remarkable novel, Wonder.--Seira Wilson

August, nicknamed Auggie, is a 10-year-old with a facial deformity that causes others to avoid and even shun him. When he enters a mainstream school, Auggie must learn to cope with difficult new situations and new people. The narrative is told from the perspectives of Auggie, his new friends, his sister, and her boyfriend. Steele's Auggie is raspy, quick, and delivered in a conversational tone, while Rudd and Podehl give a full range of vocal performances that bring the remaining characters to full light. Ã¢Â (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

ABSOLUTELY AMAZING BOOK!!! Please disregard all reviews less than 5 stars! This book should be required reading for every human being who lives on the planet! I'm a 54 year old grandfather who served in the Marine Corps (just for a little context). I'm not an emotional person but this book was incredibly moving. R. J. Palacio...I can't believe how she so accurately and consistently pegs human nature. The book is a "novel" - yeah right! This is real life! This is truly like it is. If you ever

desired to be a better person, this book can help you start the journey!

My 5th grader has craniofacial anomalies and I feel that this book could not have been better written. RJ Palacio caught Auggie's voice so well and captured his challenges and strengths so beautifully that I still can't believe that she doesn't have a child who is living this life. I'm not going to try to summarize the story as many other reviewers have done that - I just want to talk about the emotional resonance of the work. The sheer truth of Auggie's journey is what meant the most to me. There are so many small moments that struck me to the core - e.g. Auggie's feelings about Halloween, the way Auggie has an easier time when his classmates understand that there's more to him than his face, Auggie's struggle to move past his need for coddling, even the food that Auggie eats. The most emotional moment for me came toward the end of the book when Auggie's father tells him that he loves the way Auggie looks, because that is exactly how my husband and I feel about our son. I wish that everyone would read this book, because it will help them understand the humanity of my son and everyone like him.

First - Parents need to know that *Wonder* is about young boy, August Pullman, who has a congenital facial abnormality who has to cope with a range of reactions to his unusual appearance. Some kids use hateful language, and some people suggest that Auggie is mentally deficient. However, goodness wins out, and readers should find it inspiring and uplifting. Author R.J. Palacio writes the book in multiple voices -- Auggie's, some of his friends', his sister's -- and the different points of view are mostly very well-realized and show the inner feelings of the different characters. *Wonder* by RJ Palacio was astonishing! I think the book was for grades fifth-eighth grade, and adults would like it. This book can teach many different lessons. The one that stood out to me was not to judge by the way someone looked but by the inner character of that person. It is one of the most moving books I have read in a long time, and I am still pretty amazed at how the author wove so much complexity into a story for middle schoolers. Take home messages included, you can count on your parents even if things get tough, sometimes people make mistakes and deserve second chances, sometimes you just have to suck it up and endure and most importantly, in general, things change over time.

Although this book is targeted toward tweens and most of the characters are middle-schoolers, the world would be a kinder place if everyone read this book. I especially liked how various characters presented their point of view. Having had a brother who was far from "normal", I could totally relate.

This is a heartwarming tale, providing insight and an important lesson for all.

AMAZING! After the first day I'm already almost half way through. This book will give you all the feels. Although it's kind of geared towards younger readers, my 24 year old self is loving it, and I can't wait to read it to my kids! All children should read this book, it gives a great perspective on how bullying feels. Just buy the book!

In *Wonder*, everything seems so realistic. Like this character, Auggie really existed and his struggle were so true to this society that we are in. In the novel, Auggie is put to a test. The test of fitting in, which to him seems impossible. In the beginning, his parents want him to start school at Beecher Prep Middle School to get a higher education. Auggie then meets three kids named Julian, Jack Will, and Charlotte. Julian dislikes him from the start and even creates rumors about Auggie to make him less popular than everyone. Jack Will becomes Auggie's best friend and Charlotte just says hi. Throughout the novel, everyone gets used to Auggie and his unique face. They become neutral in the Julian friendship battle. When they go on a sleepover in the woods, everything doesn't go to plan. Friendships are broken. Friendships are made. It's what's on the inside that counts! I recommend this book to anyone who might be in the same struggle as Auggie. Anyone who just started school or doesn't feel like they fit in. anyone who likes to read about people with this struggle live a daily life.

This is a touching and honest book that everyone can relate to. I read it for book club and am so glad they picked it. I wish I had this book for my two daughters back when they were in middle school

I think *Wonder* is a book great for all ages. It is about a boy named August who is deformed and everybody makes fun of him. Then, he starts making friends with the help of the school principle. I would recommend this book to many people who want to read something humorous and sad. I would also recommend this to a person who wants to read something in between challenging and easy. My favorite character is Summer she is so understanding and doesn't care about her reputation. Once you read some parts you might not understand some words but, if you reread what is happening then the word might unfold and you might understand the situation better. When you're done with the first book you're eager to read the next.

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