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# Wonder

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## Book Review

### Wonder

#### Author

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#### Illustrator

#### Reviewer

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#### Rating

Outstanding

#### Level

Intermediate, Young  
Adult

#### Pages

404

#### Year

2012

#### Publisher

Alfred A. Knopf

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9780061914805

Auggie Pullman sees himself as just an ordinary kid, but because of a rare genetic disease and lots of surgeries, he doesn't look like one. This year he is starting fifth grade at Beecher Prep and it will be the first time he has gone to a "real" school. Thankfully, Auggie meets Summer and Jack Will, two kids who are willing to be his friend, even though everyone else avoids him because of his facial difference. One kid, Julian, even bullies him and those who hang around him. School is hard as a fifth grader, but with good friends and a supportive family, Auggie makes it through the year, and ends up lifting the hearts of those around him along the way.

Wonder is a delightful, hilarious, and inspiring read. This story is honest and raw. Palacio does not try to mask her characters – she keeps them realistic and human. This makes the story relatable and invites introspection on how the reader would react to the situations presented. Wonder is a story told from six different perspectives that weave beautifully to create a more complete whole. This style of writing from many viewpoints allows the reader to see the characters in greater depth and recognize that we usually do not have all the sides of the story. This particular version of the book includes a seventh perspective from Julian's point of view. Seeing the story through the bully's eyes is mind-opening and a highlight of this book. Wonder is a must-read.

\*Contains mild violence