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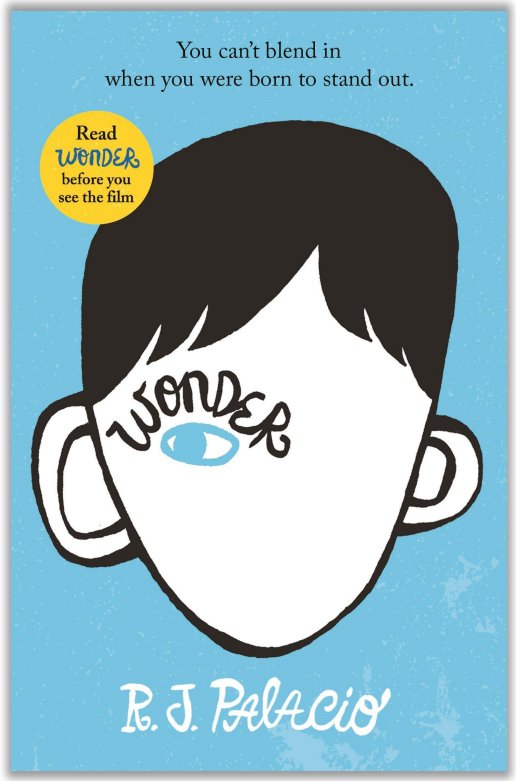

- Auggie wants to be an ordinary boy. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He *feels* ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.
- Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?
- R. J. Palacio (real name Raquel Jaramillo) wrote *Wonder* after an incident where her son noticed a girl with a severe facial difference and started to cry. Fearing he would react badly, Palacio attempted to remove her son from the situation so as not to upset the girl and her family but ended up worsening the situation. A song called "Wonder" made her realize that the incident could illustrate a valuable lesson.

	Historical Interest
	Cultural Messages
	Sexual Content
	Violence
	Language
	Controversial Issues

Wonder (2017 Movie) Official Trailer – #ChooseKind – Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson - YouTube

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- R.J.Palacio is an American author and her family were originally from Colombia, in South America. She is a graphic designer. Before she became a writer, she designed book covers for other famous writers.
- She said: "*Whenever there is a conflict between being right and being kind…choose being kind.*"
- Did you know? Palacio named the book directly after the Natalie Merchant's song "Wonder". She was inspired by the lyrics and song, and used the song's chorus as the prologue of the first chapter.

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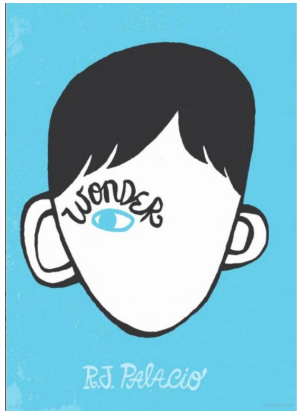

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- Ready – arrive promptly and settle quickly at the start of the session
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