

Book Review: "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio

"Wonder" by R.J. Palacio is a heartwarming and thought-provoking novel that explores the power of kindness and acceptance. The story revolves around Auggie Pullman, a fifth-grade boy with a facial deformity, as he navigates the challenges of starting school for the first time. The book takes readers on an emotional journey, inviting them to see the world through Auggie's eyes and understand the importance of empathy and embracing differences.

One of the most remarkable aspects of "Wonder" is its relatability. The characters feel real and authentic, and readers can easily connect with their experiences and emotions. Auggie's resilience and determination in the face of adversity inspire and encourage readers to show compassion and stand up against bullying.

R.J. Palacio's writing style is engaging and accessible, making the book accessible to sixth-grade students. The chapters are short and filled with powerful messages that resonate with young readers. The story is told from multiple perspectives, allowing readers to gain a deeper understanding of the impact of their actions on others.

"Wonder" is not only an enjoyable read but also a valuable tool for promoting empathy and fostering discussions on inclusion and acceptance in the classroom. It encourages students to reflect on their own attitudes and behaviors, challenging them to be kinder, more understanding individuals.

Overall, "Wonder" is a must-read for sixth-grade students. It teaches important life lessons about empathy, friendship, and embracing differences in a way that is both entertaining and

meaningful. Through Auggie's journey, readers are reminded that it's the kindness we show that truly defines us.

