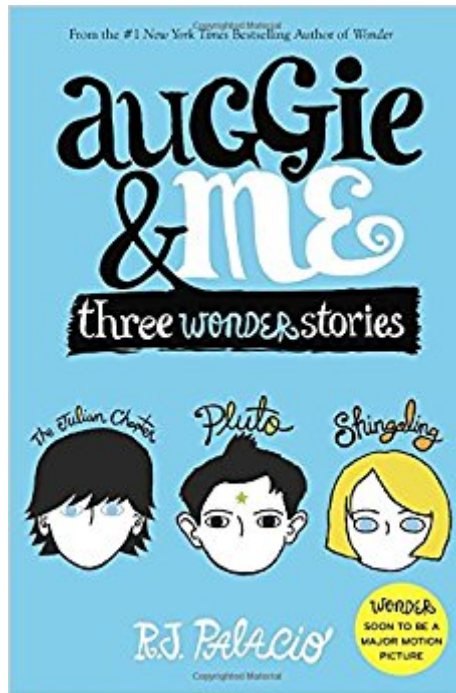




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# Auggie & Me: Three Wonder Stories



## Synopsis

WONDER<sup>®</sup> IS SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE STARRING JULIA ROBERTS AND JACOB TREMBLAY! Over 6 million people have read the #1<sup>®</sup> New York Times<sup>®</sup> bestseller<sup>®</sup> Wonder<sup>®</sup> "the book that inspired the Choose Kind movement<sup>®</sup>" and have fallen in love with Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face. Auggie & Me gives readers a special look at Auggie<sup>™</sup>'s world through three new points of view. Previously only available in ebook, now they<sup>™</sup>ll be published all together--complete with an introduction from the author on how she came to write them--in a gorgeous hardcover package!<sup>®</sup> <sup>®</sup> These stories are an extra peek at Auggie before he started at Beecher Prep and during his first year there. Readers get to see him through the eyes of Julian, the bully; Christopher, Auggie<sup>™</sup>'s oldest friend; and Charlotte, Auggie<sup>™</sup>'s new friend at school. Together, these three stories are a treasure for readers who don<sup>™</sup>t want to leave Auggie behind when they finish Wonder.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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Wonder, but a wonder in itself. • Praise for WONDER: #1 New York Times bestseller • School Library Journal • Best of Children's Books • Publishers Weekly • Best of Children's Books • Kirkus Reviews • Best of Children's Books • Booklist • Best of Children's Books • "Wonder is essentially ... a wonder. It's well-written, engaging, and so much fun to read that the pages almost turn themselves. More than that, Wonder touches the heart in the most life-affirming, unexpected ways, delivering in August Pullman a character whom readers will remember forever. • Do yourself a favor and read this book - your life will be better for it." - Nicholas Sparks, #1 New York Times bestselling author Slate.com: "Wonder is the best kids' book of the year." Entertainment Weekly: "In a wonder of a debut, Palacio has written a crackling page-turner filled with characters you can't help but root for." The New York Times: "Rich and memorable... It's Auggie and the rest of the children who are the real heart of 'Wonder,' and Palacio captures the voices of girls and boys, fifth graders and teenagers, with equal skill." The Wall Street Journal: "What makes R.J. Palacio's debut novel so remarkable, and so lovely, is the uncommon generosity with which she tells Auggie's story. [The result is a beautiful, funny and sometimes sob-making story of quiet transformation. • The Huffington Post, "It's in the bigger themes that Palacio's writing shines. This book is a glorious exploration of the nature of friendship, tenacity, fear, and most importantly, kindness." "Full of heart, full of truth, Wonder is a book about seeing the beauty that's all around us. • I dare you not to fall in love with Auggie Pullman." - Rebecca Stead, Newbery award-winning author of When You Reach Me "It is the deceptive simplicity and honesty of the work that make Wonder so memorable. Every single character seems real and well drawn and oh-so human... This book is beautiful." - Christopher Paul Curtis, Newbery award-winning author of Bud, Not Buddy "A beautiful story of kindness and courage. There are many real and well-developed characters, and they each have their shining moments. Of course, Auggie shines the brightest." - Clare Vanderpool, Newbery award-winning author of Moon Over Manifest "Wonder is a beautifully told story about heartache, love, and the value of human life. One comes away from it wanting to be a better person." - Patricia Reilly Giff, two-time Newbery honor-winning author of Lily's Crossing and Pictures of Hollis Woods "Wonder is a shining jewel of a story that cannot help but encourage readers of all ages to do better, to be better, in how they treat others in life. I'm totally in love with this novel." - Trudy Ludwig, anti-bullying advocate and author of My Secret Bully, Confessions of a Former Bully, Better Than You, and Just Kidding Starred Review, Publishers Weekly: "Few first novels pack more of a punch: it's a rare story with the power to open eyes--and hearts--to what it's like to be singled out for a difference you can't control, when all you want is to be just another face in the crowd. • Starred

Review,Â Booklist:Â œPalacio makes it feel not only effortless but downright graceful, and by the stand-up-and-cheer conclusion, readers will be doing just that, and feeling as if they are part of this troubled but ultimately warm-hearted community.Â •Starred Review,Â School Library Journal:"Palacio has an exceptional knack for writing realistic conversation and describing the thoughts and emotions of the characters...A well-written, thought-provoking book."Starred Review,Â Kirkus Reviews:Â œA memorable story of kindness, courage and wonder.Â •

R. J. PALACIO lives in NYC with her husband, two sons, and two dogs. For more than twenty years, she was an art director and graphic designer, designing book jackets for other people while waiting for the perfect time in her life to start writing her own novel. But one day several years ago, a chance encounter with an extraordinary child in front of an ice cream store made R. J. realize that the perfect time to write that novel had finally come.Â WonderÂ is her first novel. She did not design the cover, but she sure does love it.

In *Auggie & Me*, Palacio delves into three secondary characters from *Wonder*: Julian, Christopher and Charlotte. This is definitely NOT a sequel--the action takes place before and during the same time as *Wonder*. It does not tell the story of what happens to Auggie after *Wonder* finishes. But it is a companion novel (or rather three short books) best read after *Wonder*, "an expansion of Auggie's world," as Palacio writes in her introduction. The three characters at the center of these short books were all impacted by Auggie, but these are their stories. We get to understand Julian, how his nightmares affected the way he reacted to Auggie, how his mother kept making excuses for him as opposed to helping him take responsibility for his actions. Palacio doesn't justify or defend Julian's actions, but she helps readers see inside him. And she lets Julian, who was so awful to Auggie in *Wonder*, go through his own transformation. Charlotte's story, in *Shingaling*, shone the most brightly for me, perhaps because her insecurities resonated with me, or perhaps because her friendship struggles were separate from Auggie's and so more fully developed as a standalone story. But most likely, it's because of the way that Charlotte learns to overcome her worries, her social anxieties and her own inner-judgments to become friends with two girls she didn't know at all before 5th grade started. Families and teachers will enjoy reading *Auggie and Me* aloud precisely for the way it leads to conversations, just like *Wonder* did. There are times that reading Julian's voice may be difficult, with his casual cruelty and naive declaration that he didn't mean to hurt anyone. And Charlotte sounds a lot like an insecure kid at times. But these voice rang true to me, and they let readers see inside other kids. In the end, *Auggie and Me* helps create empathy, leads to conversations about

kindness and trust, makes way for small steps toward accepting others for who they are.

Sent to my grandson - he really liked the book.

This is a great companion book for anyone who has read "Wonder" by RJ Palacio. My 10 year old son loved reading the other characters' points of view about Auggie. This is a great way for children to learn about how sometimes people who act bad or uncaring do it for reasons you could have never guessed. I recommend this book to anyone with tweens as they begin to experience some of life's ups and downs because it will help them have some perspective and understand the concept of "walking a mile in someone else's shoes" before judging them.

Family enjoyed the book

Great read!!!!

Excellent!!!! I loved it

My 8 year old loved this book as much as I did. It gets into deep stories allowing for meaningful discussions. I have a very sensitive boy but he was able to deal with subject matter. Well writtnw, compelling stories, great take home message. I feel this should be read after Wonder.

My daughter was so excited when she saw they had another book about the original Wonder book. This is her summer reading book and she's enjoying every minute of it so far. Great book for kids ages 8 and up

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