



Wonder

by R.J. Palacio

READING TIPS:

Wonder asks its characters — and its readers — to view things from other points of view and consider other people's feelings. When you're reading the book, think about why people see things differently and which characters are the most, and least, empathetic or sympathetic. (Not sure of the difference between empathy and sympathy? Grab a dictionary!) When you're discussing the book, make sure to be respectful of each other's opinions and listen carefully to what every person has to say.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Because of his appearance, people often react to Auggie by looking away. How does that affect him? How does he respond? Have you ever seen someone whose appearance shocked or surprised you? How did you react? After reading *Wonder* do you think you'll behave differently in the future?
2. You don't find out what Auggie looks like right away. Why do you think the author kept his appearance mysterious? Were you surprised when you read her description?
3. Do adults and children treat Auggie differently in the book?
4. Why did the author include so many different points of view? Did you find it helpful to see Auggie through other people's eyes? Which narrator's story did you enjoy reading the most? Who do you think was the most honest?
5. Who are Auggie's friends? What are they like?
6. Even though Auggie's story can be very sad, the book is full of humor. Were there any parts that made you laugh? Why was humor so important to this story?
7. How does Auggie change over the course of the book? Why? Do other characters change? Who changes the most?
8. What is a precept? (Don't be afraid to pull out the dictionary!) What was your favorite precept from the book? If you had to write your own, what would it be?
9. How do you imagine Auggie in five years? What do you think his life will be like when he's an adult?
10. Would you recommend this book? If so, who would you recommend it to and why?