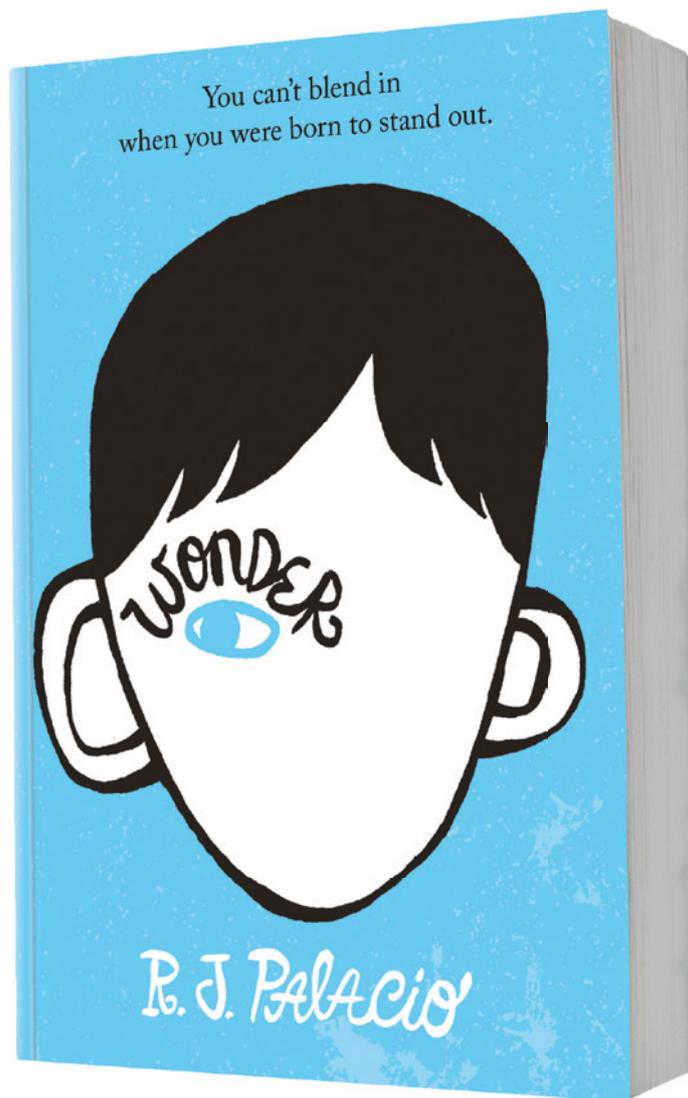


Wonder

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Explore ways
to **#ChooseKind**
with the chance
to **WIN prizes!**



Explore ways to **#ChooseKind** with Wonder-inspired group activities, crafts and activity sheets



#ChooseKind

Dear Librarians,

Thank you for requesting this resource activity pack for R. J. Palacio's *Wonder*, an unforgettable novel which has inspired a nationwide movement to [#ChooseKind](#).

Wonder is the story of Auggie Pullman, a 10-year-old boy who longs to be ordinary. 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 and ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a facial anomaly, 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?

This December, *Wonder* will be brought to the big screen in a blockbuster family movie starring Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jacob Tremblay, so join the buzz by celebrating this inspirational novel and [#ChooseKind](#) in your library this autumn.

In this pack you will find ideas for *Wonder* inspired activities in libraries including discussion pointers, crafts and activity sheets. Plus, there is the chance for children to win a £50 cinema voucher and a copy of *Wonder* in our 'Ways to be WONDERful' prize draw!

We hope you enjoy using this *Wonder*-inspired pack in your library. We would love to see your displays and activities, so please share on social media using tags [#ChooseKind](#) and [#KindnessGalaxy](#).

Best wishes

The Puffin Team

**“You can't
blend in
when you
were born to
stand out”**





WONDER CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

Here are some fun activities to do in the library to inspire children to consider the ways they can **#ChooseKind**:

Create a Kindness Galaxy

Encourage children who visit your library to fill postcards with ideas on how people can be kinder to each other. Auggie Pullman loves space so you could use these postcards to create a Kindness Galaxy in the library. You may like to decorate your display with drawings of quotes from the book (a quote sheet is included in this pack).



Ways to be WONDERful

Ask children to think of ways in which they could be kind, or have been kind. They could take inspiration from the Kindness Galaxy display, or you could suggest some ideas, for example to share toys, hold a door open for a stranger, or help a parent or carer prepare dinner. They can then write their three kind deeds on the 'Ways to be WONDERful checklist' included in this pack.

Once they have completed the three kindnesses they can hand the sheet into the library and receive a copy of the 'Certified Kind' Certificate 'signed' by R. J. Palacio, enclosed.





My 'Ways to be WONDERful' Checklist

Write down THREE ways to show ways in which you think you could show kindness to others. Once you have completed each kind or thoughtful act, tick it off the list.

When you have completed all three, hand your checklist back to the librarian and you will receive a Kindness certificate signed by *Wonder* author R. J. Palacio.

Name: _____

Age: _____

Kind Act	Description	✓ when completed

Library authority: _____

Library name: _____





Ways to be WONDERful prize draw!

Submit completed 'Ways to be WONDERFUL' checklists and all children who have taken part will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 cinema voucher and a copy of *Wonder*. Five runners up will each receive a copy of *Wonder*.

How to enter:

Send all completed 'Ways to be WONDERful' checklists to The Reading Agency by December 22nd 2017.

Please scan entries and email to: Kimberley.Sheehan@readingagency.org.uk

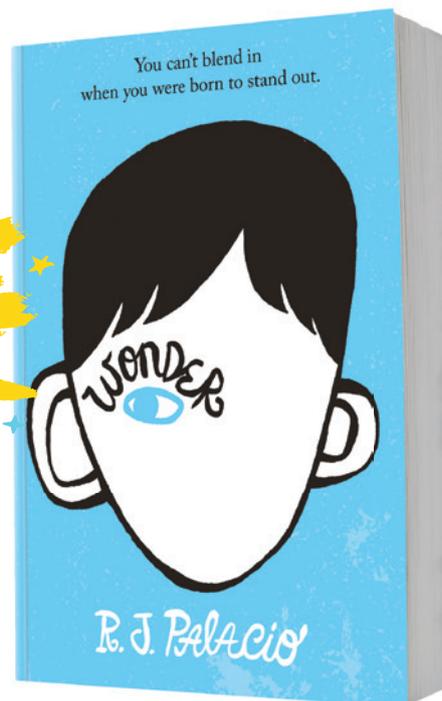
Or post to:

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE,
The Reading Agency,
60 Farringdon Road,
London
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T&Cs:

- ✦ The closing date for the competition is December 22nd 2017.
- ✦ Five winners will be drawn at random.
- ✦ The first entry drawn will receive a £50 cinema voucher and a copy of *Wonder*. Four subsequent entries drawn will win a copy of *Wonder*.
- ✦ Competition is open to UK residents only and entrants must be aged 16 or under.

**Win a £50
cinema voucher
and a copy
of *Wonder*!**





A SELECTION OF FAVOURITE QUOTES FROM WONDER

"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind."



"It's like people you see sometimes, and you can't imagine what it would be like to be that person, whether it's somebody in a wheelchair or somebody who can't talk. Only, I know that I'm that person to other people, maybe to every single person in that whole auditorium. To me, though, I'm just me. An ordinary kid."

"I think there should be a rule that everyone in the world should get a standing [★]ovation at least once in their lives."



"Kinder than is necessary. Because it's not enough to be kind. One should be kinder than needed."

"Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness."



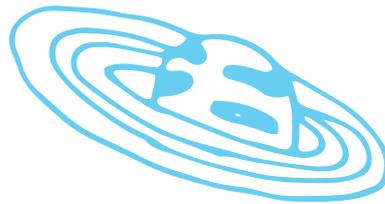
"Sometimes I think my head is so big because it is so full of dreams."

"It's not enough to be friendly. You have to be a friend." ★



"Learning who you are is what you're here to do."

"We carry with us, as human beings, not just the capacity to be kind, but the very choice of kindness."





WONDER GROUP ACTIVITIES

These starter activities help to introduce the themes in *Wonder* to a group.

1. Introduce the book

Introduce the book by looking at the words and images on the cover. Briefly discuss what is implied by the line 'You can't blend in when you were born to stand out'.

2. Starter Activity

Read the extract from *Wonder* with the group. In this extract, Jack is explaining to his mom why he doesn't want to help show Auggie around when he starts at school. In pairs, ask the children to discuss why they think Jack doesn't want to help Auggie, and then take feedback. Draw out that Jack is afraid of Auggie because he looks different. How do the children think that Auggie would have felt when Jamie screamed and ran away from him? Provide photocopies of the sheet 'Inside Auggie' and ask children to fill in the outline of Auggie's face with things that Auggie might be feeling and thinking at that moment.

EXTRACT: p.139-140 (193 words)

"It's just..." I started. "Mom, you have no idea what this kid looks like."

"I can imagine."

"No! You can't! You've never seen him. I have."

"It might not even be who you're thinking it is."

"Trust me, it is. And I'm telling you, it's really, really bad. He's deformed, Mom. His eyes are like down here." I pointed to my cheeks. "And he has no ears. And his mouth is like..."

Jamie had walked into the kitchen to get a juice box from the fridge.

"Ask Jamie," I said. "Right, Jamie? Remember that kid we saw in the park after school last year? The kid named August? The one with the face?"

"Oh, that kid?" said Jamie, his eyes opening wide. "He gave me a nightmare! Remember, Mommy? That nightmare about the zombies from last year?"

"I thought that was from watching a scary movie!" answered Mom.

"No!" said Jamie, "it was from seeing that kid! When I saw him, I was like, 'Ahhh!' and I ran away..."

"Wait a minute, said Mom, getting serious. "Did you do that in front of him?"

"I couldn't help it!" said Jamie, kind of whining.





INSIDE AUGGIE

How would Auggie feel when other children scream and run away from him in the playground?
Fill in Auggie's face with things he might be feeling and thinking.



WONDER WORD SEARCH

C	V	K	O	E	W	I	S	D	O	M	O
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Summer

Julian

Daisy

Jack Will

Wisdom

Charlotte

Award

Via

Ordinary

Wonder

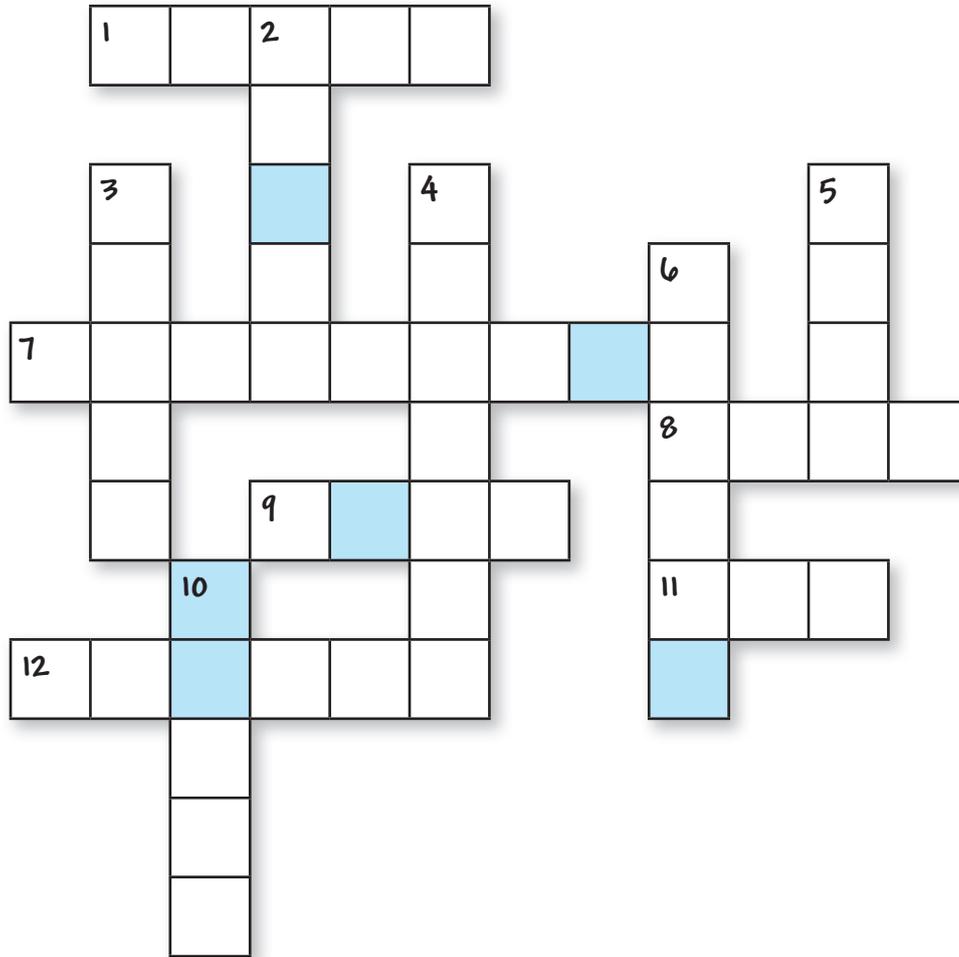
Christopher



WONDER CROSSWORD

Fill in the blanks of the precepts to complete the crossword!

The shaded squares make up a secret word! Can you work out what it is?



Across

1. Don't _____ a book by its cover
7. It is better to know some of the _____ than all of the answers
8. Better _____ than never
9. To thine own self be _____
11. Waste _____, want _____
12. When given the choice between right or being kind, _____ kind

Down

2. Your _____ are your monuments
3. Have no friends not _____ to yourself
4. _____ teaches success
5. Be the type of person you want to _____
6. No man is an _____, entire of itself
10. Kind _____ do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much

The secret word is:



choose kind

 **Certified Kind.**
Thank You



Name

Age

Librarian Name

R. J. Palacio

Signed by R. J. Palacio

Date



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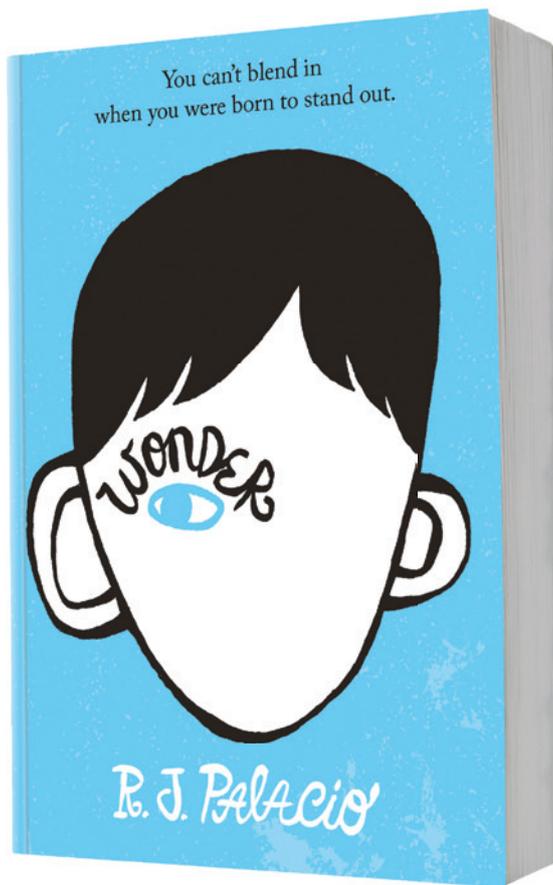
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Learn more about R. J. Palacio at rjpalacio.com or on Twitter at [@RJPalacio](https://twitter.com/RJPalacio).

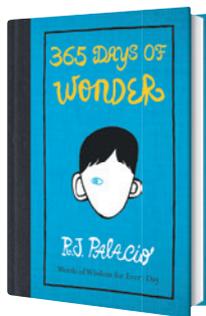


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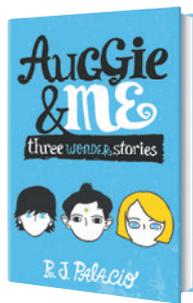
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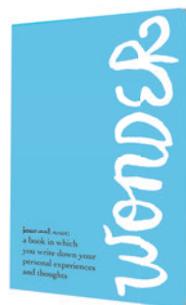
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