

Tuesday 23rd January 2021

LO: Shared reading

American author R.J. Palacio is perhaps best-known for writing the book Wonder (2012), which was turned into a major motion picture in 2017.



Raquel Jaramillo Palacio was born on July 13, 1963, in New York. Her parents were from Colombia. Palacio went to school in Manhattan, New York, first at the High School of Art and Design and then at Parsons School of Design.

In 2012 Palacio published Wonder, a novel for young people. Wonder tells the story of a boy, Auggie, who has a severe facial deformity.

Although he had been home schooled, he begins fifth grade in a regular school. There he has to adjust to the reactions of the other students and of the community to his physical differences.

R. J. Palacio wrote Wonder after her son noticed a girl with a facial deformity and he started to cry. Fearing he would cry harder and make a scene, Palacio tried to remove her son from the situation so as not to upset the girl and her family but ended up making the situation worse.

The book teaches acceptance, empathy, and compassion. The movie Wonder was released in 2017.

We're All Wonders (2017) is a picture book that tells Auggie's story for younger children.

Retrieval

- a. When and where was RJ Palacio born?
- b. RJ Palacio released a movie called Wonder in 2012. True or false? Explain.

Vocabulary

- c. The book wonder teaches 'acceptance, empathy and compassion'. Define empathy.
- d. Compassion means we care about others, treat them with kindness, and help them. Describe a way you could show compassion to another person.

Inference

- e. Instead of removing her son from the situation where he saw a girl with a facial deformity, what could Palacio have done differently?
- f. How do you think you would you react if you met Auggie?

EMPATHY



Understanding and sharing the feelings of another.

Imagining yourself in their place.