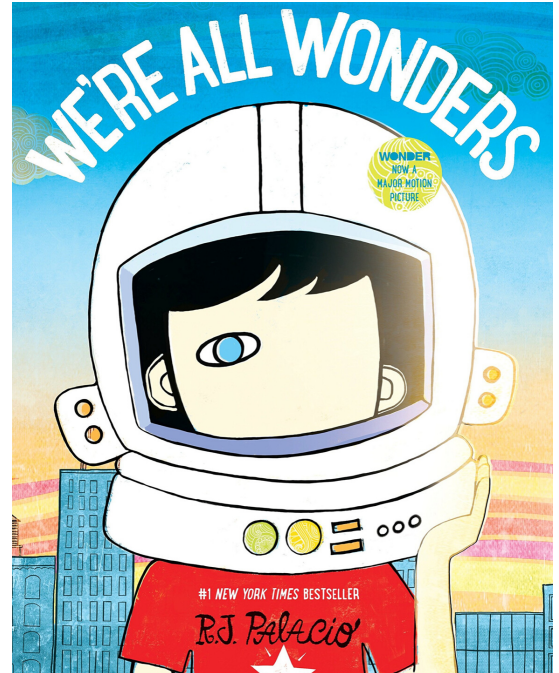




# WE ARE ALL WONDERS

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Auggie looks a lot different than most of the other kids. Sometimes that makes it harder to get to know people and to make friends. People judge whether they want to be your friend based on how you look rather than getting to know your heart. Find out what it's like to be Auggie!



### Questions:

1. Is there such a thing as an ordinary kid? Is anyone exactly like everyone else or is everyone different in some way?
2. Do you know how to ride a bike? Do you like ice cream? Do you play games with a ball? Do you have at least one thing in common with Auggie?
3. Does what someone looks like matter more than what's in their heart? Do you have any friends who look different from you? Friends who are taller or shorter, a different gender, or with different colored hair or eyes? Are you friends with them because of what they look like, or who they are inside?
4. How do you think Auggie feels when people stare at him, point, laugh, and say mean things? Does being different mean that he doesn't have feelings?
5. What does Auggie do when people are mean and make him feel sad? Does he let himself get down, or does he use his heart and his imagination to make himself feel better?
6. Is it easier to feel better when you are sad if you are alone, or is it easier with friends?
7. The Earth is big enough for all kinds of different people. Should we be kind to those people and treat them with respect? Or should we only be kind to those who are just like us?
8. Is it easier for someone to change everything about themselves so that others will like them, or is it easier for people to open their mind, look at things differently, and see past the things that are different to the more important thing that are the same? Is it easier to change how you look or how you see?