



« WONDER »

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Dans le cadre d'une séquence autour du roman « WONDER » de R.J. Palacio, les élèves de 3ème ont rédigé des autoportraits. Leurs travaux sont affichés au C.D.I.

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ORDINARY

Chapter 1 is about a ten-year old little boy who explains his definition of being an ordinary kid. His name is August. He knows he's not ordinary but he wishes he could be. His parents find him extraordinary. However, he does realise that he is quite different compared to other children of his age. He knows he's different not mentally but physically. He's disfigured. He hasn't got a lot of friends. However, he feels more normal when he's doing normal things.

Throughout the text he explains that he would like to have a normal face, an ordinary face. Ordinary is a word which he uses a lot. He tells us that other kids bully him because he's different. He says that his family is very protective, mostly his sister, Via. She absolutely hates people bullying her little brother and she gets very mad. August's parents are very protective as well. They see their son as a gift. Unfortunately, the young boy feels as if he is the only one that sees himself as an ordinary human being.

WHY I DIDN'T GO TO SCHOOL

Chapter 2 is about August's schooling and his friends. He has never been to a real school. People think he didn't go to school because he's disfigured but it's because of his multiple surgeries, 27 to be exact. Now, he is going to go to school for the first time. He's going to start Fifth grade. He used to be homeschooled by his mom. He can't say he always wanted to go to school. However, it has been eight months since his last surgery and now the young boy feels ready to go to a normal school.

August explains that he has very few friends. His really good friends are Christopher, Zachery and Alex. They have known each other since they were babies. Sadly, Christopher moved far away last year so they barely see each other anymore. Before, they used to see each other all the time. At the end of the chapter, August talks about birthday parties and explains that he isn't often invited.

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"Everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their life."

—Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Illustrating author R.J. Palacio

"Empathy is something that is very difficult to teach, but it's something that can be inspired in children."

—R.J. Palacio, author of Wonder

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ORDINARY

In Chapter 1, the main character, whose name is August, explains the fact that even if he's disfigured, he does many things like the other 10-year old children. In this new school, he's scared of being bullied because he's different. He would like to have a normal face because everybody stares at him wherever he goes. He explains that the only reason he isn't ordinary is because of other people's view of him. He acts like he doesn't notice the judgement and the astonishment in people's eyes. The only ones who find him ordinary are his mom, his dad and his sister.

He talks a lot about his sister. She can get really annoyed when people are evil with him. His one and only wish is to look « normal » but his parents as well as himself have got used to other people's reactions whereas his sister can't accept it. She gets really annoyed by other people's remarks. She's very protective. She yells at all the kids who bully him. His parents consider him as extraordinary. He realizes that the only person that sees how ordinary he is is himself but other children don't make him feel ordinary at all.

WHY I DIDN'T GO TO SCHOOL

In Chapter 2, August continues to tell us his story. He explains why he didn't go to school. He says he's never been to a real school and he's very afraid. He tells us that he had a lot of surgeries so his appearance isn't ordinary. He has had 27 since he was born and he used to have 2 or 3 surgeries per year but now he won't have anymore for a couple of years.

His mother is an illustrator and she homeschooled him. He didn't always want to go to school because he's not like the other kids. The only reasons that he wanted to go to school is because he wanted to have a lot of friends and hang out with them after school. His first best friend is Christopher and his two other best friends are Zachary and Alex. They have known each other since they were babies. They used to have playdates all the time before but Christopher moved to Connecticut but they saw each other more than Alex and Zack even though Christopher moved far away. August has other friends. Their names are Joel, Eamonn, Gabe and Emma but he's not very close to them. For the moment, only Emma, Zachary and Alex have invited him to their birthday parties. For sure, he always goes to Christopher's birthday.

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