



書名	We're All Wonders	
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我的感受/ 推薦原因/ 書中金句/ 其他……	<p>We're All Wonders is an uplifting book for young readers. It is a story about an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face who wants his classmates to know that he is a wonder, just like everyone else, they are all wonders. Auggie was born with a condition called mandibulofacial dysostosis (commonly known as Treacher Collins Syndrome). His facial deformity causes him looks different than everyone else. People always laugh at him and hurt his feelings. One day, he imagines going far away into space (with his best friend Daisy the dog) and imagines a world where everyone realized that they are all "wonders."</p> <p>Whether at school or at work, we all hope to be accepted by peers. The author, Palacio, brings out the fear of rejection and the pain it caused through Auggie’s hurtful experiences as a victim of bullying. The message that Palacio wants to share with readers is that we all have something of value to offer one another. It also taps into people’s yearn for the feeling of longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are.</p> <p>My favourite quote of this book is <i>‘I know I can’t change the way I look. But may be, just may be....people can change the way they see. If they do, they’ll will see that I’m a wonder.’</i> It is a powerful text and it strikes my heart because it inspires me to think beyond the facts, a way that explores all the wonders out of the impossibilities. In the story, it is a fact that Auggie is not welcomed by others and it is a fact that she could not change the way she looks. In this real world, victims of bullying often develop depression due to the hurtful experiences they’ve encountered and these cases would have been handled by social workers or remained silence. Nonetheless, Auggie shares a different view when she encounters the same hardship at school which encourages children to be kind and understand people who look different or live differently. She shows herself not being a victim, instead, she becomes the winner in our eyes.</p>	

As a primary school teacher, I found this story book is the perfect reading material to discuss about empathy and kindness with young children. The very last line of the book bring out a beautiful message "look with kindness and you will always find wonder" is inspiring and should be laminated and displayed in every classroom!

I enjoyed reading this book a lot and I will share this book with my students as a way to let them know in everyway they are a wonder, just like *Stephen Hawking and Nick Vujcic*.