

Dear R.J. Palacio,

"Everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their life." This is important because August and I didn't stand up for ourselves. *Wonder* inspired me to not care what people think about me. Everybody goes through hard times. Some people bully people because they think that like, I had bad parents and I was mean to other kids. But people don't know other people's history.

Me and August both have had to think that it doesn't matter what people think about you. I have been bullied and made fun of and people would call me names, but we both had some friends that helped us and friends that left us. We both had to think we are unique in our own way. People would talk about us, and we would have nobody to sit by at lunch. Before I read your book, I didn't know why people bullied people because they don't know them and their history. I didn't think it was right. I told my mom about the person who was bullying me, and she told the school counselor. Unfortunately, the counselor didn't do anything.

When I was bullied, people would talk about me behind my back and when I heard what they were talking about, it wasn't true. I tried ignoring it, but it didn't work. August ignored them, but it didn't work. He didn't want to go to school because people would judge him. I would want to stay home because I knew people would talk about me. When I read your book and August went to school, it motivated me to go and get through it. We both had a couple friends that helped us through it.

People stopped bullying us, and I wanted to go to school because I had more friends and people knew about more things about me. People started to learn about us and our history. I had to move back to Nebraska because me and my family were far away from each other family and never got to see them. I was sad about moving back because people stopped bullying me. Some people still bullied and talked about August behind his back because of his looks.

Overall, *Wonder* taught me not to care what people think because we are all unique in our own way.

Sincerely,



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