

BOOK CLUB REPORT FOR JANUARY 17, 2017

The book for this month was Wonder, by R. J. Palacio. A wonder is how most of the eleven members present felt about this novel written for a young audience but appealing to people of all ages. This book was interesting, funny, sad, informative and heart warming all wrapped up into one experience. It is the story of Auggie who is kind, smart, and wise beyond his years due to being born with mandibulofacial dysostosis or commonly called Treacher Collins Syndrome. This syndrome means that Auggie had a complex facial deformity that caused people to react in various ways towards him, some quite unkindly. This novel carries the reader from his birth through his young years and tells the story of how he and his deformity seemed to change his life and the lives of people around him. Since its inception in 2012, this book has sold over 5,000,000 copies and has been turned into a motion picture. Our members all agreed that this book is a good one to buy for children and grandchildren to read. The story is told from Auggie's perspective and from the perspective of his family and friends. It is a lesson in courage, true friendship, love and how to deal with hardships. This book was the impetus for great discussion of bullying, alternative schools, mainstreaming, and the unfairness of how tragedy is handed out in this life. This book is one of the most highly rated reads we have ever had at 8.75/10.