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Topic Good is the New Bad

Can you get married to a book? If I could, I would get married to the series 'The School for Good and Evil'. I first heard of the book series from a friend, who decided to lend them to me. Immediately after finishing the very first page. I fell in love. This book has played a very important role in my childhood and it taught me a lot. Whenever I felt sad or happy, I read the book to get lost in the magical world of Good and Evil. The book was like a star, guiding me through dark moments. I grew with the characters and I feel like I have come a long way from Book One. All the characters, every single one of them, have taught me something different.

Every four years in the small town of Gavalton, two children are kidnapped and taken into the surrounding woods by the School Master, who then brings them into the School for Good and Evil (a place where ordinary boys and girls are trained to be fairytale heroes or villains). As the most beautiful girl in Gavalton, Sophie has wished all her life to be kidnapped. On the other hand Sophie's best friend, Agatha, is an ugly, black-loving loner who just wishes for an ordinary life with her cat, mother and best friend. On the day of the kidnapping, Sophie and Agatha are taken into the woods. At first, Sophie was ecstatic until pink and princess-lover, Sophie is dropped into the School for Evil and witchy Agatha into Good.

Sophie desperately attempts to change schools with Agatha, while Agatha just wants them both to go home with a risky plan, they get into the tower of the School Master, who gives them a riddle to solve in order to go home: 'What's the one thing Evil can never have, and the one thing Good can never do without?'

After a few interesting events, they find the answer - love. To prove the School Master wrong, Agatha helps Sophie get the attention of her supposed "true love" - the popular prince, Tedros of Camelot. Meanwhile, the annual 'Trial by Tale' is also coming up, where 10 best-ranked pre-villains and ten best-ranked pre-heroes are sent into the Blue Forest to fight for the class captain's crown. Sophie, gaining Tedros' trust, convinces him to team with her in the trial. However, when a demon attacks Tedros, it was Agatha instead of Sophie who saved him, leaving Tedros feeling betrayed. Tedros and Agatha slowly begin to fall for each other. Sophie, enraged, declares war on the School for Good. The School Master joins in, throwing his magical pen at Agatha, attempting to pierce her heart - until Sophie jumps into the way and blocks Agatha from getting hurt. Agatha manages to revive Sophie with her love and finally, they get to go home together.

I fell in love with this book since the very first time I picked it up. There are funny, iconic moments, vivid descriptions, and the whole new idea of a school for fairytale heroes and villains is truly intriguing. After this thrilling ride of Good and Evil, I have learned that although it may seem like it, not everything is as plain and simple as you think. For example, who would've guessed that beautiful Sophie belonged in Evil and witchy Agatha in Good? Not everything is black and white, or truth and lies. This book has made me reflect on what is 'good' and what is 'evil'. This book has been an important part of my childhood. It is my favourite book and I will always cherish it.

I wrote a poem about Sophie, my favourite character.

Her eyes are green as emeralds  
Her lips as red as flames  
She's a devil and a beauty  
With such magic in her name

Her hair shimmers like the sun  
It glitters like spun gold  
She's the goddess of all stories  
Queen of all the fairytales told

Watch as she goes down the road, people in every lane  
Gasp in delight as they whisper her name:  
"Oh, Sophie! It's Sophie!" And when she winks at them they swoon,  
She's as pretty as a princess - but as mysterious as the moon.

### Book Read

Book title : The School for Good and Evil  
Author : Soman Chainani; illustrations by Iacopo Bruno  
Publisher : New York: Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2013.

### Comments

• Ideas are expressed clearly.  
Excellent thesis statements.  
Very organized and clear presentation  
original and unique.

## CHIU Venus Marymount Secondary School

Topic A Book Report on Games of Thrones' a Game of Thrones

Over the past few years, I've read a lot of books from different authors which had left a remarkable memory as I explored further into the world of English novels, but this particular novel, A Game of Thrones, by the famous author George R. R. Martin, was the most indelible.

A Game of Thrones is the first book of the series A Song of Ice and Fire and is also the beginning of fame to Martin's career. The main characters of the story include Daenerys Targaryen, Eddard Stark, Catelyn Stark, Sansa and Arya Stark. The Iron Throne, originally belonging to the Targaryen bloodline, at that time, Mad King Aerys, who was Daenerys' father. King Targaryen was slain by Jaime Lannister at the King's Landing, where Robert Baratheon, took the Iron Throne before Jaime could. Basically, everything in the land of the fictional world of Westeros was chaos after the murder of the king at the hands of his trusted knight, Jaime. Now that Robert had claimed the Throne that ruled the seven kingdoms, he invited his best friend, Eddard Stark of Winterfell, to become the Hand of the King, who advised the king in times of war. Eddard Stark was the husband of Catelyn Stark, the father of Sansa, Arya Stark and others. When received the position as the King's Hand, he rode to the King's Landing with his two daughters, leaving his other sons behind with his wife. On the other hand, Daenerys Targaryen, a 14 years old maiden, was forced to be betrothed to Khal Drogo, the Khal of the Dothraki, for the sake of restoring her brother, also a Targaryen, to the Iron Throne. The only way the two siblings could obtain an army was to marry Daenerys off to the Dothraki.

The book was definitely confusing at times, as there were a lot of new characters being thrown at you at the same time. It was hard to keep track of who was who, and whom they worked for. But since the book was set on such a big piece of land, I couldn't really blame them. Reading the book was like studying history, except for the fact that it included dialogues of the characters, not found in history encyclopaedias. Every action performed by the characters is well thought-out and would lead to a consequence later on in the story. Everything carried out would lead to a reasonable outcome. It also included some magic into the mix so the story isn't plain and boring. With these two elements mingled together, the story has the perfect touch of both, and I really enjoyed reading it.

Another thing I also like about the story is how unpredictable the storyline is. A character might suddenly die out of natural causes, murder, suicide or even decapitated by the orders of the king in the middle of nowhere. The character might be a minority, whom no one really bothers to care about, or a major character, one which is very important to the storyline. This makes the story so interesting and makes readers want to read on, which I think is very clever.

The best part is that of characters like Cersei Lannister, supposedly the antagonist of the story. She is a sly, ambitious and cunning woman, the twin sister of the murderer, Jaime Lannister. Even though she is the villain of the story, I can't help but admire her wits. She is always collected and calculating with every move she makes so that everything and everyone works as she wishes. She excels in manipulation and is very power-hungry. Being the wife of Robert Baratheon and the mother of Joffrey Baratheon, the heir to the Iron Throne after his father, she was the brains behind both kings, brainwashing both to do as she bid. Though she appears as a pretty blond woman in her thirties, elegant and graceful in her colourful satin dresses, behind her mask from the public is a cruel and heartless monster that does not hesitate to kill. I'm not saying what she does is correct, but I do look up to her for being so strong at times when her family needed her most, even though she did try to kill her baby brother, Tyrion, once, but other than that, I do look up to her for being so calm and tranquil.

### Book Read

Book title : A Game of Thrones  
Author : George R. R. Martin  
Publisher : London: HarperCollins, 1996.

### Comments

• Ideas are expressed effectively.  
Clear organization.

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**Topic** The Wild Robot, the Book That Touched My Heart

After an enormous thunderstorm, Roz, a robot, was activated on an island by some animals. When Roz survived a vicious bear attack, she then realized that in order to stay alive, she had to learn how to survive from other animals on the island. At first, Roz was not equipped with the needed skills to survive on a deserted island, but through a short period of time, Roz gradually learnt how to feel emotions and had the will to survive.

During Roz's adaptation period, she fell down from a stone and squashed an entire family of geese, leaving only one egg with no cracks, she decided to take care of it like her own son, which was later named Brightbill, this was the first time she felt love. Roz became a mother and successfully raised a gosling healthily, but as for all geese, they have to migrate to warmer climates when Winter comes, so Brightbill can only come back to Roz when Summer comes. On the way to the South, the flock of geese encountered a farm, they stayed in the greenhouse cozily until the farmer came in and shot the leader, now they needed a new leader. The flock of geese decided to choose Brightbill as their new leader.

Meanwhile on the island, Roz built a lodge for the animals for warmth, the animals were warm and cozy, until they put too much wood and set the lodge burning down. A mother hare's kit was stuck inside the firepit, Roz didn't care about her safety and went inside to rescue the kit. That day, Roz became a hero.

Fast forward to the time when Brightbill came home, the forest was filled with happiness so they held a celebration which included a tall bonfire and a huge fire, but it attracted a team who was searching to retrieve the remaining robot units after the hurricane. They landed on the island and took three RECO robots to take away Roz, the animals were not happy about this news and decided to launch an attack on the RECO units in hopes of saving Roz. This bloody battle injured many creatures but none of them gave up saving Roz. Two RECO robots were successfully destroyed but the last one managed to capture Roz. Roz pledged to escape the new life after finding her way back to the island...

This is a very touching story. Roz was very helpful and polite to the animals on the island and was eager to learn survival techniques, when she was activated on the island, the animals were scared and rude to her, but she remained a calm and peaceful heart. Roz always offered to help as she said, 'Perhaps I am meant to help others.' Roz helped Fink the fox to pull out quills from his body; she adopted a gosling when its family was dead and took care of him gently and patiently; Roz gave the deer family permission to eat from her garden that she volunteered to help cut down trees for the beaver family to build with; Roz offered to take animals into her lodge for a warm fire, when the lodge was on fire, she rescued a kit out of the firepit, ignoring her safety. Not only was Roz not furious about the lodge burning down, but she also rebuilt another safer and bigger one for the animals to stay for the night. I think this story tells us the attributes we need to acquire for befriending others and facing situations, responsibility, Roz took care of Brightbill since she accidentally killed his family; perseverance, Roz never gave up when facing obstacles; reverence, Roz showed respect to her animal friends etc. The most moving part of the story is when the RECO robots started rushing into the forest and were ready to retrieve Roz. The animals did the most heart-warming and bravest thing. They risked their lives and launched a preemptive strike against the units, aiming to make Roz stay on the island with her animal friends peacefully. Many animals were wounded, like the mother bear broke her bones, and her bear cubs covered in blood. Chitchat the talkative squirrel burnt its tail... Roz was told that more RECO robots would come and take her away. So she had no choice but to leave, so that no more animals would be hurt from battling with the robots.

#### Book Read

Book title : The Wild Robot  
Author : Words and pictures by Peter Brown  
Publisher : New York; Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 2016.

#### Comments

- The ideas were well organised to bring out the message that love will always win.
- Able to explain why the story is moving.

LAW Athena  
Sai Kung Sung Tsun Catholic School (Secondary Section)

**Topic** A Selfless Man - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Do you always think that you are unlucky, but don't you know that the black people in the 1920s were unlucky? At that time, in the south of America, there were 'Whites Only' signs everywhere. Blacks could not go into many hotels, restaurants and stores. Blacks could not even drink out of the same water fountains as whites. In many cities, blacks had to ride at the back of a bus. If they tried to sit at the front, they were thrown in jail. And if black people wanted to go to a movie theater, they had to sit way up the balcony. There was a man, who is black, spent his whole life to help his race to gain freedom and was finally shot dead. This man is called Martin Luther King, Jr., and I have just read a book about him, which is called 'Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.'

Young Martin had a very happy home life, and there was a lot of love in his family. However, Martin had an unhappy childhood memory. One of Martin's good friends was white. The boys had known each other since they were three years old. Martin and the boy were always together. But when they turned six, they started school. Martin went to a school for black children. The boy went to a school for white children. One day the boy's father told his son that he could no longer play with Martin. Martin ran home and cried to his mother. It was the end of the friendship. The night at dinner, the family had a long talk. This was the first time that Martin realized how white people felt about black people. Even so, his parents told Martin not to hate white people, and it was his duty as a Christian to love everyone. Martin's mother told him that he was important though the outside world was telling him he was not.

#### Comments

- The efforts Martin put into combating racial inequality was well exemplified.

As Martin grew up, he became more and more aware of the problems facing black people. When Martin was fifteen, he graduated from high school. That summer, he worked in the north of America. He was surprised to see how different life was for blacks in the North. Black and white children went to the same schools. There were no separate restaurants. Martin dreamed that this could happen in the South, too. Martin therefore knew that he wanted to spend his life helping black people. He knew that life in the North was easier and fairer for blacks, but he and his wife decided to live in Alabama - the South. Because he could help fix some of the problems of local black people there. On December 1, 1955, a black woman was arrested because she sat down in a seat at the front of a bus. In order to help the black woman, Martin asked all the black people to boycott the city buses. Martin succeeded, and the blacks could sit wherever they wanted. He made sure every adult citizen was allowed to vote, and he joined the protestors on the march, even if he was kicked off buses, and out of stores. He believed that the protestors should always behave peacefully, and should be ready to accept punishment for disobeying the laws. Martin showed people all over the world the power of words, not fists.

The story of Martin touched my heart, not only because he did his best to fight for the civil rights of black Americans. It is also because he sacrificed all his time with his family to help others. When Martin said of his wife, he said, 'I am indebted to my wife, without whose love, sacrifices, and loyalty neither life nor work would bring fulfillment.' In 1964, Martin was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He gave away all the prize money - fifty-four thousand dollars - to civil rights groups. He hoped that people would remember him as a man who 'tried to give his life serving others'. He wanted to be remembered for helping 'to feed the hungry' and for loving people. Martin is kind. He is brave, and he is selfless. I am sad that he was shot to death at the end, and I believe that his story can touch everyone's heart.

#### Book Read

Book title : Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?  
Author : Bonnie Bader ; illustrated by Elizabeth Wolf  
Publisher : New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2008.

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Topic Anne Frank

“The Diary of a Young Girl” was based on a true story of a Jewish girl called Anne Frank. Anne was born on June 12, 1929 in Germany. During World War II, Anne personally experienced the German occupation of the Netherlands. She recorded her life using a diary.

After Hitler’s army came to power in 1933, brutal persecution of Jews led Anne and her family moved to Amsterdam, Netherlands. Anne’s family and four other Jews hid in the “secret annexe” of her father’s company. Life in the back room was very monotonous and boring. There was scarcity of food and water and very straight rules for bathroom use. Also, there was a strange neighbour called Van Daan. His wife was annoyed because Anne didn’t like to live with them. In her diary, she expressed a lot of her frustrations and complaints.

In this tough situation which was filled with fear and uncertainty for others; nevertheless, Anne still had a strong enthusiasm for being a writer and journalist. Anne also believed that she could pass through this difficult circumstance. She also held a positive attitude when she faced challenges.

After countless days and nights in the secret annexe, everything that Anne went through had made her tougher. On Anne’s 15th birthday, she had raised her reflection on the social level and started thinking about problems like gender equality issues. Even though Anne had been separated from the outside world for almost two years, she could still think about a profound social issue that was exceeding the conditions for physical desires for human beings.

Although the bombs of the German planes could blow up Anne’s house, it did not suppress her strong determination. When she was bored, she spent her time studying and observing the nature through the windows in the attic. Anne was unable to change anything. However, she could make a difference in her desperate life in the secret annexe by writing letters to her best friend, Kitty, her diary. Writing her diary was something meaningful to her. In her diary, she recorded all her feelings and told the stories that happened in the back room.

Anne always said that “paper is more patient than people” which I agree. Writing could be an easier mode of communication, especially when you want to share your thoughts that are complicated to express and at the time when people do not want to listen to you. In her diary, she had shared that she hoped for freedom and happiness, which was a sensitive topic to be discussed during her days.

After reading this book, I believe that people are entitled to live in freedom. Anne’s story showed us we should not treat anyone differently, because of gender, religion and race. Her diary also showed us the importance of living in peace and harmony. We should feel happy that we didn’t need to live in conditions, like some of the unfortunate people who are living in a war. They need to encounter violence, fear and even death in their daily lives. During the tough days, Anne didn’t always feel sad. She held a positive attitude when she faced challenges. She told us that we should not give up easily, just because of some little obstacles that prevented us from perusing our dreams! We should set Anne as our example, and learn from her advantages, which will keep a good impression to other people.

In this diary, there were people that Anne loved, admired, and people she disliked or even hated. However, she had something a bit different from ordinary people. Although she was in adversity, she still had a kind heart, loved to learn and constrained herself at any time. When she did something wrong or talked harshly to her parents and friends, she would face it seriously and correct it in time. We have to make reflections of ourselves and apologize for the mistakes. So, I have to work hard to learn from the advantages of her!

Anne’s diary did not only teach us about history, war and phylogenetic mistreatment. Her life also showed us how we should cherish our lives, including the things and people around us.

I believed her story would continue to circulate, as her diary reveals the dark side of wars and promotes the importance of living in peace and friendliness.

#### Book Read

Book title : The diary of a young girl: the definitive edition  
Author : Anne Frank; edited by Otto H. Frank and Mirjam Pressler;  
translated by Susan Massotty  
Publisher : London: Penguin, 2007.

#### Comments

- The experience of Anne when she was in captivity was described in details, touching the heart of the audience.
- Good organization of excellent ideas and insightful commentary.

SUNG Li Wen Kate  
Marymount Secondary School

Topic Defy the Fates

*Defy the Fates* is the last book of Claudia Gray’s trilogy, *Constellation*. This story covers the adventures, hardships and beauty of a budding romance while also capturing the aspects of a sci-fi world and a journey of fighting for one’s beliefs. Our main characters, Naomi Vidal, a fighter pilot on the planet Genesis, and Abel, the most sophisticated warrior robot ever made, travel across the stars searching for each other while also being targeted and facing the danger of war.

I admire how Claudia Gray fearlessly covers the topics of terrorism and religion in different perspectives throughout the book, letting readers gain insight to these sensitive and deep issues. I was intrigued by the themes and found myself being able to gain a broader outlook. It was a wonderful experience being able to wonder with Abel on whether a god exists or not and also struggling with Naomi on her disbeliefs on the religious teachings of Genesis. There were also Ephraim and Riko, both of whom, despite fighting for the same reasons, have completely different viewpoints on the methods they should use to free themselves from Earth’s rule. Ephraim wanted to solve things peacefully but Riko believed that terrorism was the only way Earth would take them seriously and pay them attention. These opposing stances were stimulating and eye-opening, catching my attention and making me more engaged in the story. This really helped me connect and learn more about the real world too.

I was also extremely captivated by Claudia Gray’s thoughts and concepts on the soul, the idea of creating a soul, trapping it in a mech body, experimenting on it, destroying it and restoring it. The dilemma of whether something with a soul deserves free will and rights or if it is morally correct or incorrect to force our will on them and experiment on them when we have created them. It was all so imaginative and creative, we don’t know much about the concept of our “souls” but being able to conjure a story about how a lifeless robot develops a soul and forms emotions is extraordinary. These concepts deepened the plot and explains a lot of the characters’ motivations and developments. It weaves the whole storyline together delicately while also providing a strong basic foundation for the whole story to be built on.

One of the things I respect most about this book is the well-developed character designs. Even though our main characters live in fictional worlds, countered with their own seemingly impossible other-dimensional situations, Claudia Gray is able to portray them as human, facing challenges of their own. It makes the characters so much more relatable and realistic, making them have their own set of strengths and weaknesses. Their feelings, desires, fears, doubts, goals and questions about the world and themselves are understandable and resonate with me deeply, driving a more profound connection between the characters and myself. Naomi and Abel both have a strong sense of individual self and both have clear purposes, although these may have wavered at times. It is inspiring to watch them strive to achieve their goals and at times when they seem to lose sight of their purpose, they will always find the motivation to stand back up and continue chasing their dreams. It’s incredible how an unfeeling, lifeless robot like, Abel, who once had no soul, came alive slowly because of love, and was able to find his own sense of self.

The scenes in the book were described in detail and there were a lot of carefully chosen words in each sentence that helped appeal to our senses and feelings. The way everything was worded is beautiful and fascinating. Just like the way that the author expresses love as a kind of rule put up above all others, like a Directive One set in our programming.

Overall, I think *Defy the Fates* is a masterpiece that is enthralling, beautiful and creative. It has a well-written plot, tear-jerking scenes, heart-stopping cliffhangers, breath-taking plot twists, three-dimensional characters, thought-provoking theories and alluring art in the form of written text. It is definitely one of the best books I’ve read so far and it seems that it will stay that way for a long time to come.

#### Book Read

Book title : Defy the Fates  
Author : Claudia Gray  
Publisher : New York: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2019.

#### Comments

- Creative and innovative ideas were presented in the essay.
- Ideas are explained clearly and presented in logical manner. Great work!

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**Topic Embracing the Diversity  
and Appreciating Everyone of Us**

I am eager to share New York Times bestseller called ‘Wonder’ with all of you. The author, Raquel Jaramillo, described the growing experience of a boy with facial deformities called Auggie who was bullied by most of his classmates. Auggie was a young boy living in New York city. Later, I will tell you the reason why his classmates did not like him. In my eyes, Auggie was very passionate and he was fearless to express his opinions in public places.

This is the most touching book I have ever read. Despite his unusual appearance, he outsmarted all classmates and other people in the story. Although his face was imperfect, he did not give up himself, which helped him to earn a lot of people’s respect. I was so surprised that he had done something that normal students could not accomplish. He had extraordinary willpower and a high degree of creativity. He was very interested in scientific experiments. He did different experiments to explore the gigantic scientific world. In his leisure time, he played football with his classmates. However, since his look was different from ordinary people, he was discriminated against by many students who decided to pick on him and not to play with him. He felt that he was an alien at that time. However, he did not care about these things that are not important in his mind. He believed that his best was the best and loneliness allowed him to learn and reflect more. Getting used to work alone, he could do things very fast and became more independent.

One day, he was bullied at the football pitch. Tim walked over to help him. So he regarded this boy as his only good buddy whom he could believe and rely on. Tim was the only one who did not discriminate against him. Before he knew this boy, he even wanted to give up his studies and played truant. Having received Tim’s encouragement, he changed the way he saw himself and he tried to prevent others from seeing his deformed face by wearing a helmet with a space logo to school. Sadly, he still had no confidence in his appearance so he dared not to show his face at the campus. Having said that, I remembered his dream was to become an astronaut. This unusual dream made me stunned. Being surrounded by haters who bullied him, he still kept chasing his dream by reading numerous books about the universe. I wondered whether I would be able to act like him if I were him. In this episode, I learnt that people should not discriminate against abnormal people or the disabled because their strong characters and willpower may allow them to achieve more than we could imagine.

Being born with facial differences may have hampered Auggie’s communication with classmates. His perseverance and excellent academic results enabled him to gain a lot of respect from his new classmates and people in this community. In fact, I think that some disabled people are just physically different from ordinary people just as everyone has different looks and personalities. They can do what we can and they can even do what we can’t. Do not judge a book by its cover. That means we should not judge people based on the appearance but the content of their characters. We should accept people’s weaknesses and learn how to appreciate their strengths. You can always learn new things if you are more reflective and open-minded. I have learned a lot from this inspirational novel. I am really moved by the actions and willpower of this boy. The last thing I want to say is that many successful people in the world often experience more problems than a normal person does. Being able to survive in various challenges, people with disabilities can also become extraordinary role models. We can’t look down on them. In order to build a more caring society, let’s bear in mind that everyone is equal and no one should be discriminated against in any forms.

#### Book Read

Book title : Wonder  
Author : R. J. Palacio  
Publisher : London: Puffin Books, 2017.

#### Comments

- The strong will power of the character was well illustrated.
- Good introduction. Writing is clear and concise.

**WONG Kary**

**Po Leung Kok Choi Kai Yau School**

**Topic “Wonder” -  
The Story That Touched My Heart**

“My name is August. I won’t describe what I look like. Whatever you’re thinking, it’s probably worse.” “Wonder” by R. J. Palacio tells the story of a ten-year-old boy named August. August is a boy who was born with a face that horrifies most who look upon it and had countless surgeries since then. He was home schooled and with all his courage he entered the fifth grade in a regular school. This story is told from various perspectives, including August, his sister, Olivia, Olivia’s boyfriend and August’s friends.

August is no different with a normal 10-year old kid, he likes ice cream, riding his bike, playing ball and Xbox. Despite his 27 surgeries, he will never become normal. However, this unlucky child’s face was diagnosed with double dose of a mutant gene. Yet this was blessed by misfortune, his not ordinary family was able to come together and got through a lot of tough challenges.

It’s hard to face the world when the world won’t face you, August is in that exact situation. He was bullied by many kids, who all looked down on him because of his appearance. There’s a kid named Julian who taunted August about his looks, he always joked he had been in a fire. Julian had also insulted August by addressing him as Dark Sidious who fell into lava and melted his face. This had seriously offended this little innocent boy and might cause him to go on to the wrong track.

This introduces and brings many people who are just like August back to today’s society, this book demonstrates the frankly brutal reality of August, the boy who can’t be hushed into silence in his world, simply because of his appearance.

I was touched when I read the book “Wonder”, it must have been hard to be for August to go through all these discrimination and gossips behind his back. I love the characters’ personalities, but personally, I admire Olivia, August’s sister. She viewed the world in a unique way and considered August all the time. She was not scared about the consequences that would lead her to after she stood up for August. Olivia is like a street light that leads August to find his confidence and encourages him to overcome the difficulties occurred. August must be delighted to have a sister like Olivia who doesn’t care about her reputation and protects August at any time. I was moved by the love of August’s family, who didn’t give up on August and let him live his own life.

I knew living with a face like this wasn’t easy and if I were him, I would just hide behind the pillow and run away from reality. This book creates a sense of deeply rooted love and kindness that certainly made me infused with admiration for August. After reading this book about August, I have taken inspiration from him and learnt that I shouldn’t walk away from the sad truths. This book really oozes reality and raw emotion, managing to bring out the awareness to the world, giving the people that are abandoned from society a chance to come out from the dark and show their true light.

“Wonder” is an absolute excellent book that tells a moving and inspiring story. With the different perspectives of characters, it demonstrates how August lives in his own world, while others would never truly know how he feels. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community’s struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. I encourage others to read this book because this book mimics how August feels and brings it to us, normal people that we can once experience from the eyes of these wondrous people and embolden more people to start treating them equally.

#### Book Read

Book title : Wonder  
Author : R. J. Palacio  
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#### Comments

- The message of ‘there is always hope’ is encouraging for everyone of us.
- Ideas are expressed clearly. Original. Good organization.

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