



STUDENT FILM REVIEWS

Film: Wonder, 2017

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by Anna

The film *wonder* is a dramatic family movie, it is based on the novel from 2012 and the movie came out in 2017. *Wonder* is directed and written by the American novelist and film director Stephen Chbosky. Some of the big actors are Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jacob Trembly.

Wonder is about a 10 years old boy called August Pullman, Auggie, who has a disease and he has already had 27 surgeries, so he can look like an ordinary kid. Auggie is a boy who wants to look like all the others, he wants to fit in but when people see him, they run away. His mom is home schooling him, but in the summer break before 5th grade his mom decides that Auggie is going to a normal school. When he starts in 5th the headmaster decides that 3 of the best students must show Auggie around before school start. Here we meet Julian and Jack Will. Julian is the most popular kid at the school, and he starts bullying Auggie, Jack Will becomes friends with Auggie, but Auggie overhears that Jack Will talks badly about him behind his back – he says that he was forced to become friends with him.

The actors in the movie are doing a good job. Jacob Tremblay is a wonderful actor. His makeup is really a good job and that he is only 10 years old is really amazing. I think it is fantastic that he is so young but still a great actor.

The movie *Wonder* is a good movie that touches your heart. It's an inspirational movie that tells us how to treat other people and that people can look differently, but we are all humans.

I think the movie is good and putting things into perspective and it is a warm-hearted movie. Is not the best movie I have seen, but it still really good. I will give the movie 7 or 7.5 out of 10 stars.



by Isabella

We saw the film 'Wonder' and it's an inspiring movie, it gets you to think a lot about how you treat other people and that we all are the same on the inside even if we don't look the same.

The movie was filmed in 2017 and is based on the 2012 novel by the same name 'Wonder' written by R. J. Palacio.

The movie Wonder was nominated to a lot of prizes, like an Oscar for best hair and makeup (they won), teen choice award best drama film (they did not win) and Critics' Choice Movie Award for best adapted manuscript (they did not win)

Jacob Tremblay did an amazing job at playing Auggie Pullman, even at such a young age he still got us all sobbing in our chairs.

I think it's impressive that Jacob at the age of 10 years old is such a good actor and is able to make it very believable.

The movie has other famous actors, such as Julia Roberts who plays Auggie's mother, Isabel Pullman and Owen Wilson how plays Auggie's farther, Nate Pullman.

The movie is about the 10-year-old Auggie Pullman, who is born a little different and therefore doesn't look like a typical 10-year-old boy.

His mother has been his teacher, because he has been home schooled.

Then the parents decided to let him start in 5th grade. Auggie is not pleased with the decision, but after the summer holidays he begins in his new school.

It's hard for all kids to start middle school, and everyone is nervous and a little scared, bur when you look a little different like Auggie does it can be a little harder, he doesn't know anybody at the school so he doesn't have any friends and he gets bullied a lot, but one day a boy named Jake decides to sit with him at lunch....

I think the film is very good and has an important message which is the fact that we are all the same and should be treated the same, no matter how you look, your skin colour, your religion or your nationality.

A quote that comes to my mind is "treat people the way you want to be treated" and I think that everyone should think about this, and then do it.

I would strongly recommend the film, but you must be prepared to shed a tear or two.



by Jonas

The 2017 drama and family film *Wonder* is based on a 2012 novel by the same name written by R. J. Palacio. *Wonder* is directed and written by the American novelist and film director Stephen Chbosky.

The story is about a boy named (August Pullman/Auggie) who suffers from facial deformation, or else called (Treacher Collins syndrome). We follow Auggie and his family through difficulties and struggles. Auggie was home schooled most of his life, but it changed once and for all. He started going to a normal school after the summer break.

The film starts with the scene in which Auggie goes to a public school for the first time in his life. He immediately gets a tour around school by 3 students from the school, Jack Will, Julian and Charlotte. Even though he gets to meet new kids from the start, he still has to face many challenges coming his way.

The way the film director Stephen Chbosky chose to tell Auggie's story is interesting, we get to see different perspectives of the story, at first, we follow Auggie, then we change to see the story from his sister's perspective, and later his sister's friend perspective. It gives the characters who seem less important a chance to shine in the film, and we get to know the person better and get explanations on why the person did the things he or she had done.

There are some movies which make a far better use of the same technique because they make their stories connect to one another properly. Nevertheless, this is still a super rare technique so far that I have seen.

Rating: I will highly recommend people to watch the movie, the movie is really entertaining, and it really plays with your feelings.



by Mathías

The movie wonder is a comedy-drama movie based on the New York Times bestseller from 2012, Wonder tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August 'Auggie' Pullman.

It's instructed by Stephen Chbosky and written by Jack Thorne in 2017

Wonder review

Wonder is about how Auggie's facial deformity (Treacher Collins syndrome) affects his own and others' lives.

Auggie is 10 years old, in the 10 years of his life, he has been through 21 surgeries. He always wears a space helmet, so he doesn't scare the other kids away from the playground. He doesn't have a lot of friends because of his facial deformity.

He is being home schooled so he's not going to be bullied, but when the new school year starts his parents decide to send him to middle school, but his mom does not think it's a good idea. Auggie is having a hard time at school, but he finds a friend to be with.

The film also shows how Auggie's facial deformity has had a big impact on his older sister's life because she's always set aside. Her best friend is also avoiding her, so she feels very lonely. She signs up for drama class and must perform a play in the spring.

I find the film interesting, because I like the fact that Auggie in spite of his problems teaches his friends and classmates how to choose kind.



by Omars

The 2017 family and drama movie Wonder is based on a 2012 novel written by R. J. Palacio. Wonder is written and directed by the American movie director Stephen Chboksy. It is a movie full of exceptional actors as Izabela Vidovic, Owen Wilson, Julia Roberts, and Jacob Tremblay. I find this movie very interesting and it convinced me to overthink it and start seeing it from Auggies angle right away.

The movie is about a 10-year-old boy called August (Auggie), who lives with his parents and sister in New York. Auggie was born different than other kids because of the facial deformity. After the birth he had 27 surgeries, so he could look like an ordinary kid in the future. Auggie has always been homeschooled by his mother, so the summer before 5th grade Auggies parents decide that he needs to start going to a normal school with other kids. We see in the movie that Auggie tries to blend in with the other kids, but it's hard because of the way he looks.

All the actors were amazing in the roles they all played. Everything was so convincing, especially the scenes with Izabela where she shows us the love, she had for Auggie. Jacob also made a fantastic impression playing Auggie, and I could not imagine anyone playing Auggie better. All the strong emotions the family had were so hard not to understand, and as a viewer you can really feel it because of these great actors.

The movie shows us how hard it is to get social with other kids when you aren't "normal" like the other kids from the society. But we also get to see how Auggie inspires the other kids to start behaving differently and starts to like Auggie. For example, the scene where Auggie corrects Julian (a 5th grader), because Julian started to ask rude questions about Auggies face. Auggie shows us that he is stronger than other people think.

I recommend the movie to everyone, even though I think children at the age 10 will not understand the movie the same way as teenagers. Teenagers can really learn something from this movie, as for example how to treat other people in the society.



by Sebastian

The 2017 drama and family Wonder is based on a 2012 novel by the same name written by R. J. Palacio. Wonder is directed and written by the American novelist and film director Stephen Chbosky. The film includes a handful of very talented actors, like Jacob Tremblay, Izabela Vidovic, Owen Wilson and Julia Roberts. The main story of the movie happens in Auggie's school or in his residence.

Auggie who has Treacher Collins syndrome must go to a public school for the first time after being home schooled. His parents aren't sure whether he is ready because he will most likely face bullying. As the movie continues, we see that August and Jack Will are becoming good friends, then later separate, but then make up again. In the movie we also get a close look at Auggie's sister, Via, who has her struggles as well. Her best friend Miranda decided to hang out with other people. That takes a big toll on Via because Miranda has been her best friend her whole life, and now doesn't want anything to do with her.

The movie tells the stories of a lot of the characters in the movie in a very interesting way. We get a close look of them all. In that way we understand the characters' choices better. The movie has a lot of potential with its great acting and amazing plot. The story is inspiring, and most definitely something people can use in their daily lives. The ending is very happy, and almost perfect although it doesn't ruin the whole movie in my opinion. However, you can easily predict the ending early on.

To conclude the film, I think it is very good, and has amazing acting with an inspiring story. It has with success delivered a great story to the audience. I would recommend it to anyone with a nice taste for drama movies.

