The Wonder is the story of Auggie Pullman, who suffers from manibulofacial dysostosis, a rare condition of abnormality in the bone development of his face. The story begins with his family’s efforts to finally shift him from home schooling to a real middle school, which to date he has been prevented from attending on account of his time spent recovering from various surgeries. R.J. Palacio. In spite of the fact that this book is a young adult novel, it was definitely a good read for me, a seasoned older reader. August is a young boy entering school for the first time as a fifth grader. He has a genetic abnormality that caused his facial features to be extremely deformed. In fact, he even draws himself in the story as a duck. His principal admires the drawing because Auggie drew himself as the ugly duckling who becomes a swan. Auggie says no I drew myself as a duck because I look like a duck! The Book. August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a severe facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting fifth grade at Beecher Prep, Auggie wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid™ but his new classmates can’t get past his extraordinary face."