

HOLLYWOOD FICTION VS REALITY

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN  
OUR COUNTRIES

# HOLLYWOOD FICTION

# 'WONDER' (2017)

INTRODUCTION - TRAILER



'WONDER' IS THE FILM ADAPTATION OF THE NOVEL OF THE SAME TITLE BY R.J. PALACIO. IT IS DIRECTED BY STEPHEN CHBOSKY AND WAS RELEASED ON NOVEMBER 17, 2017. IT STARS JULIA ROBERTS, OWEN WILSON AND JACOB TREMBLAY. IT TELLS THE STORY OF AUGUST PULLMAN, AUGGIE, FOR SHORT (JACOB TREMBLAY). HE WAS BORN WITH TREACHER COLLINS SYNDROME. TREACHER COLLINS SYNDROME IS A CONDITION THAT AFFECTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF BONES AND OTHER TISSUES OF THE FACE. THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF THIS DISORDER VARY GREATLY, RANGING FROM ALMOST UNNOTICEABLE TO SEVERE. MOST AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS HAVE UNDERDEVELOPED FACIAL BONES, PARTICULARLY THE CHEEK BONES, AND A VERY SMALL JAW AND CHIN. IT WAS THIS GENETIC ABNORMALITY THAT HAS REQUIRED AUGGIE TO UNDERGO SURGERIES AND MEDICAL TREATMENTS SINCE HIS EARLIEST DAYS. THE FILM FOLLOWS A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF AUGGIE. WITH FACIAL DIFFERENCES THAT, UP UNTIL NOW, HAVE PREVENTED HIM FROM GOING TO A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL, AUGGIE PULLMAN ENTERS FIFTH GRADE AND CONFRONTS THE CHALLENGES OF ATTENDING A MAINSTREAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME. HE BECOMES THE MOST UNLIKELY OF HEROES WHEN HE DOES IT. AS HIS FAMILY (JULIA ROBERTS AND OWEN WILSON), HIS NEW CLASSMATES, AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY ALL STRUGGLE TO DISCOVER THEIR COMPASSION AND ACCEPTANCE, AUGGIE'S EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY WILL UNITE THEM AND PROVE YOU CAN'T BLEND IN WHEN YOU WERE BORN TO STAND OUT.

## FILM DESCRIPTION



## AUGGIE'S FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

AT FIRST, HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY FRIENDS. HE FEELS ALIENATED. HIS CLASSMATES STARE AT HIM AND MAKE FUN OF HIM. HE IS EVEN BULLIED. HE WANTS TO WEAR A HELMET TO HIDE HIS FACE. ALTHOUGH HE HAS SUPPORTIVE PARENTS AND TEACHERS, HE DOES NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE. BUT SOON EVERYTHING CHANGES.

## HAPPY END

IT IS DUE TO HIS CONSIDERATE FRIENDS AND THEIR ACCEPTANCE THAT AUGGIE FINALLY BECOMES PART OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. WHAT IS MORE, HE GAINS POPULARITY AND RESPECT.



THIS FILM SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER HOLLYWOOD BLOCKBUSTER WHICH MAKES ITS VIEWERS GET EMOTIONAL AND CRY. THIS STORY HAS A HAPPY ENDING. BUT WOULD A SIMILAR STORY WITH A DISABLED CHILD HAVE A HAPPY ENDING IN YOUR COUNTRIES?



REALITY



ARE WE PREPARED IN OUR COUNTRIES TO MAKE CHILDREN LIKE AUGGIE HAPPY AT SCHOOL?



# QUESTIONNAIRE

1. DO THE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES USUALLY ATTEND MAINSTREAM OR SPECIAL SCHOOLS?
2. DO SCHOOLS ARRANGE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE ON THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL?
3. DO SCHOOLS PROVIDE BASIC FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED STUDENTS EG. WHEELCHAIR RAMPS, LIFTS ETC.?
4. DO SCHOOLS EMPLOY TEACHER ASSISTANTS TO HELP THE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES?
5. DO SCHOOLS EMPLOY PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO ARE READY TO HELP SUCH STUDENTS?
6. ARE THE STUDENTS PROVIDED WITH ANY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT THEY NEED IN THEIR STUDIES?
7. DO TEACHERS TAKE PART IN TRAINING WORKSHOPS TO LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE STUDENTS AND FULFIL THEIR NEEDS?
8. DO SCHOOLS MAKE TEACHERS TALK ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND TOLERANCE WITH THEIR STUDENTS?
9. DO SCHOOLS HELP THE PARENTS OF THE DISABLED CHILDREN?
10. WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN YOUR SCHOOLS TO MAKE AN AMERICAN DREAM, SHOWN IN THE FILM, COME TRUE?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.