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¿Qué motivos tiene Julian para odiar a August? ¿Será capaz de asumir sus errores y empezar de nuevo?

WONDER. *La lección de August* ha recordado a miles de lectores la importancia de ser amable. Pero este no es un libro sobre August, un niño que quiere ser normal a pesar de su aspecto.

Esta es la historia de Julian, el niño que peor se porta con él. No soporta verlo, no soporta que sea amigo de Jack, no soporta que esté en su colegio... y no es capaz de darse cuenta del impacto que sus actos pueden tener en los demás.

Provocadora, sorprendente y emotiva, *La historia de Julian* deleitará a los lectores de WONDER. *La lección de August...* y a los que todavía no la han leído.

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### Camila says

"Sé amable, pues toda persona con quien te encuentras está librando una batalla." Me encantó el detalle de la historia de Tourteau.

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### Gisbelle says

It was such an emotional story. Julian, the bully as we've known him from Wonder, got a chance to tell his side of the story - why he was so mean to Auggie, what happened during the summer and how he righted the wrong. I loved the story Julian's grandmother told about the boy in her class when she was a little girl. That part of the book got me weep. It was just so beautiful.

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### Tiffy\_Reads says

A great short story written in Julian's perspective. The Grandmother's part almost made me cry.

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### Aya Hamza says

*“Sometimes we hate the things we're afraid of.”*

This is an additional chapter of Wonder from Julian's POV.

I didn't like Julian, he was so annoying and couldn't understand Auggie's condition at all. But I liked his grandma and her story so much, they were so similar, though!

In this book, you learn that nothing seems like it is used to be, and *never to judge anyone unless you know him well.*

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### Mariah says

I read Wonder about two years ago, so when I found out that there were short stories that went with the book I had to read them. I was very impressed by the Julian chapter. I didn't think it would be as good as it was. I loved the story his grandmother shared and how it connected to him so well.

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## Irshad says

**"There's a whole big world out there, and not everyone is nice to everyone else. Thats just the way it is."**

Let me just start off by saying that Wonder has been one of my absolute favourite books this year and I was so glad to jump back into Auggie's world through the visions of Julian, his bully.

I loved *The Julian Chapter*.

It was perfect. Having the perspective of the bully opened my eyes and allowed me to empathise with his side of the story. Remember guys, there's always two sides to a story. Never just one.

Julian's anxiety issues with his nightmares made sense as to why he treated the way he did with Auggie. But still, that's no excuse to mistreat someone just because they're different. Emotional pain is always more painful than physical pain.

We're all different. Acceptance and mutual respect between one another is important.

R.J Palacio is amazing and her work has yet to disappoint me. Her writing is simple and the way she modifies her work to the age of her characters simply amazes me. Glad to have picked up this novel. The Julian Chapter does open up more avenues for Wonder.

The best part of the book was when Julian's Grandma shared about her past with him. Everything clicked for him and he understood his mistakes. I had to read his Grandma's story literally twice at a go! It was that good, trust me on that!

Everyone has the ability to be nice. Just choose *kindness*, always.

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## Mario says

*One mistake does not define you.*

I didn't expect to like this story as much as I did. Mostly because I hated Julian in *Wonder*. But this story actually made me like the kid a bit more (I still don't quite like him, but I don't hate him either, so that's something). It was nice to see him developing and growing as a character.

I really hope that the other two stories are as good as this one, because I'm not ready to say goodbye to these really wonderful characters.

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## Cristina•●♥?????????♥●• says

4.5 'start over' stars

"It was like I had entered the portal to a different dimension, an alternate universe in which Auggie and I had changed places. Suddenly, he was the popular one, and I was the outsider."

- Julian

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“Sometimes it’s good to start over.”

- Julian

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“I agree, sometimes it’s good to start over. A fresh start gives us the chance to reflect on the past, weigh the things we’ve done, and apply what we’ve learned from those things to the future. If we don’t examine the past, we don’t learn from it.”

- Mr. Browne

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“Sometimes we hate the things we are afraid of.”

- Grandmère

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“I do not like to dwell on the past. Life is ahead of us. If we spend too much time looking backward, we can’t see where we are going!”

- Grandmère

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### **Stephanie Anze says**

"It is always brave to be kind."

When August starts the fifth grade at Beecher Prep, he takes everyone by surprise. Not having a conventional appearance, he causes quite the uproar particularly with Julian. Julian is a popular kid in the grade and takes an instant dislike to August. Thus, Julian begins to make Auggie's life at school difficult. This is his side of the story.

I read 'Wonder' a little while back but the impact it left me with has not yet dissipated. Julian is the bully and I'd be lying if I said that he was in any way likeable. While 'Wonder' featured many points of view, it did not feature Julian's. It had me wondering why Julian would behave in such an appalling way and whether he could feel remorse and get redemption. I am glad that Palacio wrote a story from his POV and while his actions are not excusable, we see the full picture now. His family life and personal problems heavily influenced his behaviour. While this work was short, it packed just as much punch as the book that inspired it. I gotta admit that the story told by Julian's grandmother brought me to tears. It was both heartwarming and heartbreakingly. It highlighted the main theme of the book. I did not think I could feel anything but disdain for Julian but towards the end that changed. He was not right to behave in the way he did towards August but he got a chance to correct his mistakes. A must read.

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### **Candace says**

I absolutely loved 'Wonder' and think that everyone should read/listen to it at least once. However, with all of the different viewpoints offered, I felt like one of the most important POVs had been skipped. As much as I detested Julian in 'Wonder', I really wanted to know exactly what made him such a mean kid. How does a child learn to behave so hatefully?

Apparently, I wasn't the only person that felt that Julian's POV was needed. Immediately upon finishing 'Wonder', I went in search of Julian's POV and I lucked out. The author wrote a separate short story to tell Julian's side of the story. Of course, I dived right into Julian's story right away and it proved to be a great decision.

I have to admit that as much as I wanted to hear Julian's side of events and learn about what motivated him, I was a bit hesitant. Julian was a character that made me feel anger and rage at his actions. I had to keep reminding myself while reading 'Wonder' that he was just a child and that he probably didn't fully grasp the impact of his words. Starting this book, I was worried that I wouldn't find any redeeming qualities in Julian and that I would spend hours being upset by his callous behavior. Thankfully, my fears were unwarranted.

'The Julian Chapter: A Wonder Story' takes place toward the end of the school year and the following summer. It begins when Julian is caught leaving mean notes for Auggie and Jack in their lockers. The Principal and school counselor are tipped off and are able to intervene, finding an especially cruel note before Auggie does.

While Julian's actions were inexcusable, his family dynamics spoke volumes. I was immediately taken aback by his parents lack of concern for his behavior and their obsession with public image. It was clear to me that this is where Julian's troubles really started. As a parent, I was appalled by these shallow individuals. Julian's mother even went so far as to photo-shop Auggie out of the class photo! I just have no words.

Initially, Julian is defensive and doesn't really grasp the severity of his actions. However, as the story progresses - and with no help from his parents - he comes to see the error of his ways. His grandmother, whom he spends his summer vacation with in France, is instrumental in this.

Julian's grandmother tells him about a boy that she knew when she was younger. He was disabled and often treated cruelly by the children in the village because they were afraid of him. As a young Jewish girl, hunted by the Nazis, it was this boy that ended up saving her life. Despite the mistreatment that he had endured, he showed kindness and bravery. He risked his own life to save a girl that had never paid him much attention, except to avoid him.

After hearing his grandmother's story, Julian is able to connect and empathize with Auggie. Finally, he feels genuine remorse for his actions and understands exactly what he did. It was like he turned a new leaf and I really liked this new Julian.

I'm very glad that I read Julian's story. I was worried about what I would get when I started it, but it did not disappoint. I especially liked Julian's grandmother. She provided the guidance and wisdom that Julian's parents failed to.

On the flip side, I could not so easily forgive Julian's parents. Yes, they too came around a bit at the end, but only with the grandmother twisting their arms. Some explanations were offered for Julian's mother's behavior, but I found them to be weak at best. Julian may have been a child, but his parents were not. They should've known better. I just couldn't get past that.

Overall, this was a fantastic story. He isn't an easy character to like, but this book serves as a reminder that even bullies are human. Despite his despicable behavior toward Auggie, Julian was only a child in need of some direction and positive role models. In the end, he becomes a better person. If you enjoyed 'Wonder', I would definitely recommend this one.

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### **Juliana Zapata says**

Una historia muy corta y muy fácil de leer, con una enseñanza maravillosa "Se vale cometer errores" y además llena de frases preciosas.

Como imagino que era la intención de la autora, cambió toda mi concepción sobre Julian, sin justificar si comportamiento lo comprendí, y sentí empatía por su historia.

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### **Holly says**

In an interview I saw, R.J. Palacio was asked why she didn't include Julian's point of view in Wonder, and she said that she didn't want him to have a voice. When we hear someone's story, we feel empathy, and she didn't want that. I wonder if she needed the distance from writing the novel to feel compelled to tell Julian's story. At the beginning of the chapter I didn't think there was going to be redemption since Julian was unlikable as ever. His parents were equally unlikable, especially his mother. It wasn't until he stayed with his French grandmother over the summer that Julian started to change. Once again, Mr. Browne was amazing and shed some light on Julian's behavior. He also validated Julian's sense of worth so that he could make the change. Palacio tried to take on an awful lot in 60 short pages, but she did tackle another big theme. I'll be curious to see what reactions my students have to this added chapter. Will they forgive Julian? Knowing my students, they will. I liked that I read Wonder aloud to my current fifth graders last year when I had them in fourth grade. They've had a year and a half distance from the book, and even though they were curious about Julian's perspective, they couldn't get it. From now on, students will have access to Julian's chapter immediately after they finish Wonder. That will be a completely different experience. "But the good thing about life, Julian," she continued, "is that we can fix our mistakes sometimes. We learn from them. We get better. I never made a mistake like the one I made with Tourteau again, not with anyone in my life. And I have had a very, very long life. You will learn from your mistake, too. You must promise yourself that you will never behave like that with anyone else again. One mistake does not define you, Julian. Do you understand me? You must simply act better next time." - Julian's grandmother Interview with Palacio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJwrH...>

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### **Rikke says**

I didn't like this book as much as the "Wonder" book itself.

I wonder if the writer only wrote this chapter because readers all over the world were asking for it.

I don't think a writer can write what people want, and get away with it. A writer should write what they want, and the right people will love it.

First of all I don't find the Julian character believable. The way he talk and act is so different from what he does in "Wonder". Like a different person.

I also find the whole nightmare situation weird. He is 10!

The grandmother story seems like it was just put in there, because there had to be a reason why Julian is a bully in book 1. And it had to be a "awww, poor boy!" reason.

Stuff with grandmothers, world war 2 and the holocaust always work. Or so they used too, before every writer began throwing a part in their book about it.

I don't feel we as readers necessarily needed a Julian chapter. I don't think it's a bad thing to leave your reader wondering and reflecting a bit.

And because the Julian chapter was not living up to the standard of "Wonder" I would rather have been without.

However the flow of words, and the writing style is still really good, - therefor 3 stars.

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### **Denise says**

5 stars does not do this short story justice. I was moved to tears as I read Julian's story (the bully in Wonder). It's not often that you get to peek into the mind of a bully & their struggles. This story is a must read for not only school age children but adults too. So much to learn!!

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### **Carmen de la Rosa says**

Siempre hay que conocer el otro lado de la moneda.

La historia de Julian aunque no es tan buena como la Lección de August (la historia de Grandmère fue el mejor bonus), se permite ver su POV, se puede ver su evolución. Es sin duda una gran historia de superación personal.

Me gusto mucho la segunda mitad, de nuevo R.J. Palacio hace que tengas todas las emociones al máximo, me encanto la narración, me reí por muchas frases y comentarios que hacia Julian hacia sus padres. También morí que podemos ver que sucede un poco después del final de La Lección de August, lo cual agradecí.

La parte mala obviamente son la odiosa madre de Julian y su padre no canta mal las rancheras. Creo que gran parte del problema de Julian se debía a ellos.

Pero como le dijo Grandmère un error no te define.

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