**R.J. Palacio**



R.J. Palacio lives in NYC with her husband, two sons and two dogs. She worked for many years as an art director and book jacket designer. She always wanted to write and was waiting for the perfect time, but realised that would never come, so she decided to go for it.

In 2007 she was on a trip with her sons for ice-cream. She was sitting on a bench with her 3 year-old son, when he started to cry. He had noticed a girl with the same condition as Auggie sitting next to them. The author pushed him away in his buggy, her older son came out of the shop and dropped the ice-creams. She heard the girl’s mum say “OK guys, I think it’s time to go”. She realised how badly she had dealt with the situation. This was the idea behind her first novel “Wonder”. [**www.rjpalacio.com**](http://www.rjpalacio.com)

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