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Well! What do think so far?

I was interested after the last sentence on page 3 - "My name is August, by the way. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse."

Can you imagine?

I thought it was incredibly brave for Auggie to go to school for the first time!

Mr. Tushman - can someone explain to me what was so funny on page 13?

I like Mr. Tushman, he reminds of another great principal I heard of that works in Montgomery.

I do not like Jack Will.

I have attached some information I found that describes and explains some of things that are referenced in Wonder.

Let me know what you think so far.

Mr. Richards

Wonder - Pages 1-26

Ever hear stories about a genie in a magic lamp? This is what a magic lamp might look like.



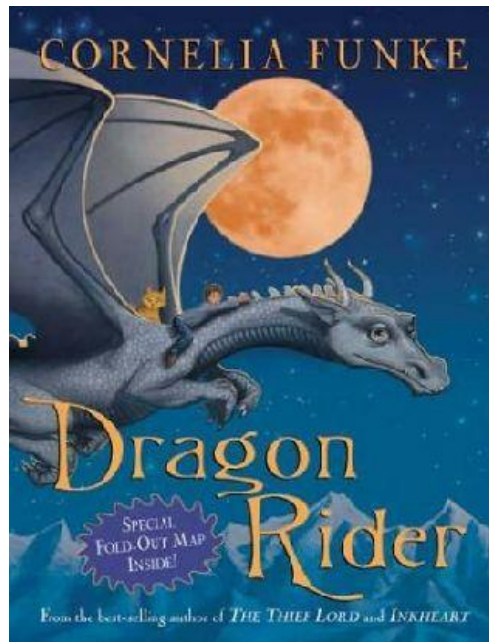
Doogie Howser was a TV show in the 1980s and 1990s about a genius kid who becomes a doctor at age 16. What does it tell you about the doctor when Auggie was born if his parents kept calling him Doogie? (Um, Doogie's the one in the front.)



Most of us are familiar with Star Wars, and get ready for a ton of Star Wars references in the book. Auggie says that he and Christopher used to play with toy lightsabers, probably something like these. (I think I have a couple of these at home!)



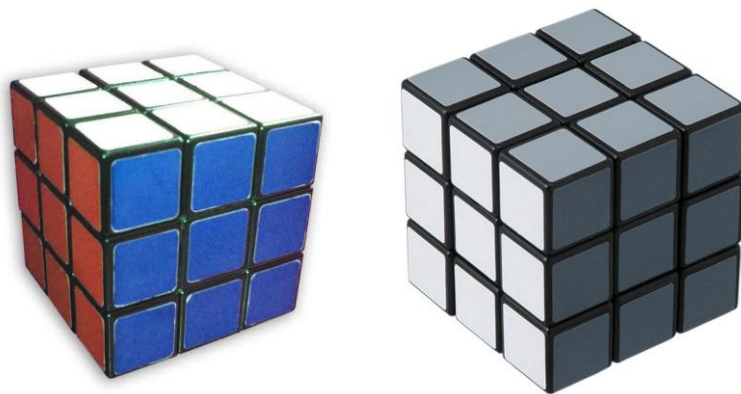
Dragon Rider is a book by Cornelia Funke, who also wrote *Inheart*, *Inkspell*, and *Inkdeath*. Imagine reading this when you were six years old. That's kindergarten!



I wish I had some red Adidas shoes like Mr. Tushman.



Rubik's Cube was a popular toy in the 1980s, and no, I could never solve it on my own. Here's the original one plus one made with mirrors like Mr. Tushman has on his desk.



Mr. T. was a big time celebrity in the 1980s. He was on the original A-Team TV show. He was also a boxer in one of the *Rocky* movies, *Rocky III*. One of his famous catchphrases was, "I pity the fool who ..." followed by some sort of description. Something like, "I pity the fool who doesn't read books!"



Auggie says that Charlotte is wearing green Crocs, probably something like these. Is it important that Auggie has already mentioned other people's shoes ~~twice~~ three times? (I

forgot about noticing Mrs. G's brown sandals with the purple flowers.) Does that tell us something about him?



So what is the difference between a tuba and a baritone? Is it worth getting in an argument while giving a school tour? Can you tell the difference? Can you tell which is which?

