

R. J. Palacio

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You can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

~R. J. Palacio

I think there should be a rule that everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their lives.

~R. J. Palacio

Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness.

~R. J. Palacio

Whenever there is a conflict between being right and being kind, if possible, choose being kind.

~R. J. Palacio

I wish everyday could be Halloween. We could all wear masks all the time. Then we could walk around and get to know each other before we got to see what we looked like under the masks.

~R. J. Palacio

We carry with us, as human beings, not just the capacity to be kind, but the very choice of kindness.

~R. J. Palacio

I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.

~R. J. Palacio

My mom smiled at me. Her smile kind of hugged me.

~R. J. Palacio

There are always going to be jerks in the world . . . [but] there are more good people on this earth than bad people, and the good people watch out for each other and take care of each other.

~R. J. Palacio

One mistake does not define you.

~R. J. Palacio

Kinder than is necessary. Because it's not enough to be kind. One should be kinder than needed.

~R. J. Palacio

Here's what I think: the only reason I'm not ordinary is that no one else sees me that way.

~R. J. Palacio

I eat like a tortoise eats, if you've ever seen a tortoise eating. Like some prehistoric swamp thing.

~R. J. Palacio

I actually like how doctors talk. I like the sound of science. I like how words you don't understand explain things you can't understand.

~R. J. Palacio

It's not enough to be friendly. You have to be a friend.

~R. J. Palacio

You don't need your eyes to love. You just feel it inside you.

~R. J. Palacio

Learning who you are is what you're here to do.

~R. J. Palacio

Sometimes you don't have to mean to hurt someone to hurt someone.

~R. J. Palacio

Middle School is about as bad as it gets, and then it gets better.

~R. J. Palacio

That's how it is in heaven. It's just love, and no one forgets who they love.

~R. J. Palacio

A big sister who cries over being human over you. A gravelly voiced kid who's friends left him over you. And a pink-haired girl who keeps your picture in her wallet.

~R. J. Palacio

Don't be friends with jerks.

~R. J. Palacio

Just follow the day and reach for the sun!

~R. J. Palacio

Or whatever politically correct spiritual representation of universal goodness you happen to believe in.

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