

QUICK CARD:

THANK YOU, MR. FALKER



Reference	<i>Thank you, Mr. Falker.</i> Patricia Polacco. (1998) ISBN: 978-0-399-25762-9
Plot	Trisha struggles to learn to read until her fifth grade teacher, Mr. Falker, discovers her learning disability. He teaches her new reading skills, as well as confidence.
Setting	The story transpires over several years of Trisha's life, from when she turns five to when she is in fifth grade. During this time her family moves from Michigan to California.
Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trisha, the youngest girl in the family • Trisha's loving and inspirational grandfather and grandmother, who both pass away during her childhood • Trisha's mother and older brother • Eric, a boy who bullies Trisha at her school in California • Mr. Falker, her fifth grade teacher in California
Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Man vs. Self: Will Trisha overcome her difficulty in reading and become confident? • Man vs. Man: Will Trisha avoid the bullying of her classmates?
Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The influence of a gentle, loving, and perceptive teacher • Love of knowledge • Compassion • Confidence and the beauty of uniqueness • Gratitude
Literary Devices	Simile Metaphor Repetition