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Leo's View

At Mica High, Leo Borlock considered himself an average student. He didn't stand out, but he didn't feel invisible either. He followed the unspoken rules of high school: blend in, don't draw attention, and stay with the crowd. But then Stargirl arrived, and everything he thought he understood about school—and himself—changed.

At first, Leo, like everyone else, was fascinated by Stargirl. She was unlike anyone they had ever met. She played the ukulele in the cafeteria, cheered for everyone at basketball games, and left thoughtful gifts for strangers. She didn't care about popularity or fitting in. Leo admired her boldness, but he also didn't fully understand her. Through his eyes, she seemed almost magical, like a character from a story rather than a real person.

As the weeks passed, the school's view of Stargirl changed—and so did Leo's. The same students who once watched her with amazement now whispered about her behind her back. They saw her kindness as strange instead of inspiring. And Leo, torn between his feelings for Stargirl and his desire to be accepted, began to see her differently, too. He loved the way she saw the world, but he was also afraid of being judged for liking her.

When Leo asked Stargirl to act more "normal," she tried. She dressed like other students, stopped singing in the cafeteria, and held back her natural enthusiasm. But something felt wrong. The spark that made her special dimmed. And even after she changed, the students didn't accept her. That was when Leo realized his mistake. He had tried to change someone who was already perfect in her own way.

Years later, Leo still thought about Stargirl. He understood now that his perspective had shaped how he saw her. At first, he had seen her as a mystery, then as someone to be fixed. But in the end, he realized that she had been the truest person he had ever known. Through Leo's eyes, the reader experiences both the beauty and the challenges of being different—and the regrets of not fully appreciating someone for who they truly are.