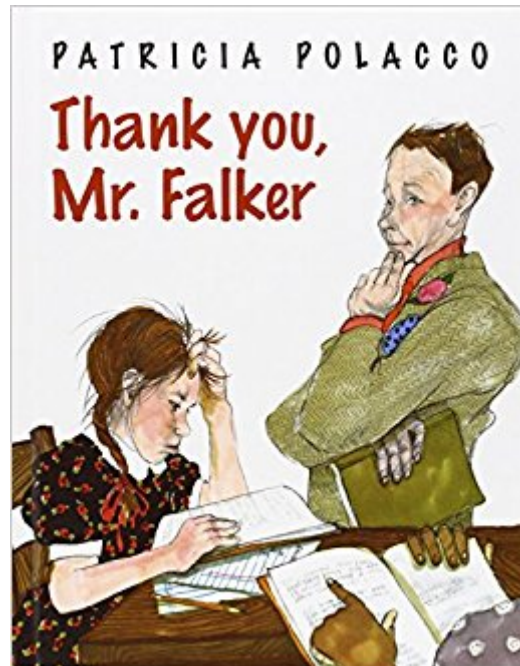




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# Thank You, Mr. Falker



## Synopsis

The real-life, classic story of a dyslexic girl and the teacher who would not let her fail. A perfect gift for teachers and for reading students of any age. Patricia Polacco is now one of America's most loved children's book creators, but once upon a time, she was a little girl named Trisha starting school. Trisha could paint and draw beautifully, but when she looked at words on a page, all she could see was jumble. It took a very special teacher to recognize little Trisha's dyslexia: Mr. Falker, who encouraged her to overcome her reading disability. Patricia Polacco will never forget him, and neither will we. This inspiring story is available in a deluxe slipcased edition, complete with a personal letter to readers from Patricia Polacco herself. Thank You, Mr. Falker will make a beautiful gift for the special child who needs encouragement or any special teacher who has made a difference in the child's life.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Fans of Polacco's (Thundercake; Pink and Say) work know well her talent for weaving her colorful family history throughout her picture books. Here Polacco shares her childhood triumph over dyslexia and discovery of reading in an inspiring if slightly formulaic story. Young Trisha is eager to

taste the "sweetness of knowledge" that her grandfather has always revered (here symbolized by drizzling honey onto a book and tasting it, which harkens back to Polacco's earlier *The Bee Tree*). But when she looks at words and numbers, everything is a jumble. Trisha endures the cruel taunts of classmates who call her "dumb," and falls behind in her studies. But finally the encouragement and efforts of a new fifth grade teacher, Mr. Falker, trigger a monumental turning point in Trisha's life. She begins to blossom and develop all of her talents, including reading. Polacco's tale is all the more heartfelt because of its personal nature. Young readers struggling with learning difficulties will identify with Trisha's situation and find reassurance in her success. Polacco's gouache-and-pencil compositions deftly capture the emotional stages of frustration, pain, elation of Trisha's journey. Ages 5-up. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Kindergarten-Grade 4A Once more Polacco shares a personal story with engaging results. This moving saga of her struggle with a learning disability makes an inspiring picture book. Young Tricia wants desperately to read but when she starts school she finds that the words "wiggle" on the page. Teased by her classmates, she retreats into dreams and drawings. It's not until the family moves to California and Tricia has managed to reach the fifth grade that a new teacher finally recognizes her pain and distress. What's more, he does something about it. Without belaboring the point, the author clearly shows the ways that children internalize critical comments made by others and suffer for their differences. This touching story is accompanied by illustrations in Polacco's signature style. Youngsters, as well as adults, may find themselves choked up at the emotions so eloquently described in words and pictures. Yet, like the tears young Tricia cries at the end of the book, these are ultimately tears of joy. Thank you, indeed, Mr. Felker (the real name of the teacher involved) for making it all possible. Readers will be grateful for the chance to recognize, appreciate, and share in Polacco's talent and creativity. ALisa Dennis, The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, PACopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

As a teacher, I found this book to be uplifting and delightful. Anonymous instructions I've written just inside, tell teachers to write a note to another teacher telling what they do that is inspiring, with no need to sign their name, tuck it in the book, and pass it along. Hopefully, here at the end of a long school year, these notes will make many teachers feel that they're special.

My students and I read this book (can't remember the concept we covered) and I fell in love with it. I

bought the paperback, just so I can have it. I HIGHLY recommend!

Having a child with a reading disability like dyslexia, I knew I wanted find books to open up dialogue between us. Help her tap into her feelings and see the positives about her reading disability. This book was wonderful. I was sad and happy. By the end both my daughter and I were crying. It helped us to talk about her feelings and struggles at school. I admire the author for sharing her personal journey with the world. She helped a little girl not feel alone. I wish all teachers had this in their classroom.

This book is a story for anyone who has been bullied, anyone who has a reading disorder, or just plain anyone. I read it to my kindergartners and cried 2 times. It is an awesome story!

Another wonderful book by Ms. Polacco! I love her work and her storytelling is just wonderful!

This is a fantastic book. Thank You, Mr Falker is a wonderful story that can be used to help adults as well as children. For children this can be fantastic for teaching about bullying, learning disabilities, and even asking for help. With adults this book can be used to teach us how to be a good teacher or leader to the children and students that we could be around whether we are a parent, teacher, or just a citizen. I think that it is even better that this is based on a true story about the author and the fact that she struggled with reading just like some students do. This book is very relate able and used for so many reasons to help everyone no matter their age.

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This is one of my favorite books of all time. LOVE Patricia Polacco (one of my favorite authors). I love how she writes personal narratives about her own childhood in such an endearing, engaging way. My students LOVE her books and this one is no exception. Highly recommend!!

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