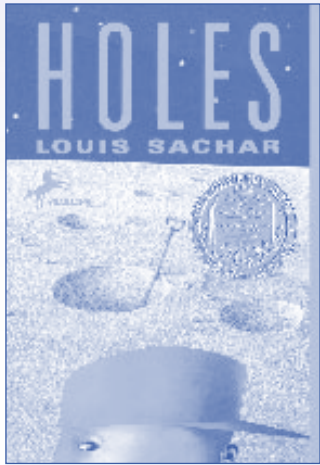


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LOUIS SACHAR



Holes

Ask students to define courage. When does Stanley begin to show courage? Have students chart Stanley's courageous acts. Which other campers might be considered courageous and why?

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AUTHOR FUN FACTS

Born

March 20 in East Meadow,
New York

Currently Lives

Austin, Texas

Pets

Dogs, Lucky and Tippy

Hobbies

Playing bridge and tennis

Favorite . . .

. . . Authors: E. L. Doctorow,
J. D. Salinger, Kurt Vonnegut,
Kazuo Ishiguro, Flannery
O'Connor, Rex Stout,
Katherine Patterson,
and E. B. White

AUTHOR STUDY ACTIVITY

Many writers use atmosphere almost as a character in telling a story. For example, in *Holes*, Louis Sachar makes readers feel the heat of the Texas desert. Have students talk about how atmosphere can tell a particular story and affect the characters.

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LOUIS SACHAR



"I was born March 20 . . . in East Meadow, New York. My father worked on the 78th floor of the Empire State Building. When I was nine, we moved to Tustin, California.

"I went to college at the University of California, at Berkeley. During my last year there, I helped out at an elementary school—Hillside School. It was my experience there that led to my first book, *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*, which I wrote in 1976.

"I attended Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco and graduated in 1980. I worked part-time as a lawyer for eight years as I continued to write children's books.

"My wife's name is Carla. When I first met her, she was a counselor at an elementary school. She was the inspiration behind the counselor in *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom*. We were married in 1985. Our daughter, Sherre, was born in 1987. She was four years old when I started writing the Marvin Redpost series. That's why Marvin has a four-year-old sister."



DELVE INTO THE BOOKS!

Louis Sachar's favorite thing about writing is the "feeling of accomplishment I get from starting with nothing, and somehow creating a whole story and setting and characters." Ask students to write their own story by taking one of the characters from *Holes* and starting a new adventure.

The Boy Who Lost His Face
0-679-88622-2

Dogs Don't Tell Jokes
0-679-83372-2

Holes (Movie Tie-In)
0-440-41946-8

Holes
0-440-41480-6

Stanley Yelnats' Survival Guide to Camp Green Lake
0-440-41947-6

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom
0-394-80572-0