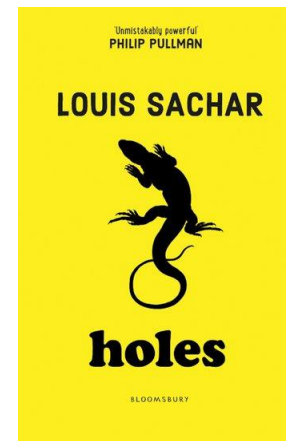
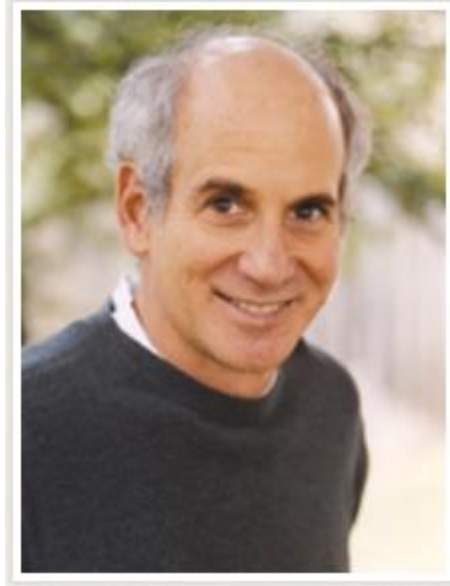
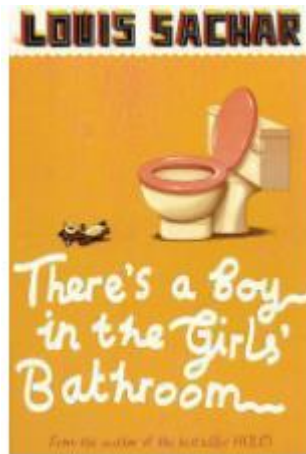


Author of the Month



Louis Sachar

Fun fact: <https://school.teachingbooks.net/pronounce.cgi?aid=2568>

Words from New York born Louis Sachar... "When I graduated in 1976 I decided to try to write a children's book, which eventually became *Sideways Stories From Wayside School*. All the kids at Wayside School were based on the kids I knew at Hillside.

It took me about nine months to write the book. I wrote in the evenings. In the daytime I had a job at a sweater warehouse in Connecticut. After about a year, I was fired (my enthusiasm for sweaters was insufficient), and I decided to go to law school. *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* was accepted by a publisher during my first week at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco.

I finished law school, graduating in 1980, passed the bar exam (which was required to practice law) and then did part-time legal work as I continued to write children's books. It wasn't until 1989 that my books began selling well enough that I was finally able to stop practicing law and devote myself fully to writing.

Let me know what you think!

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