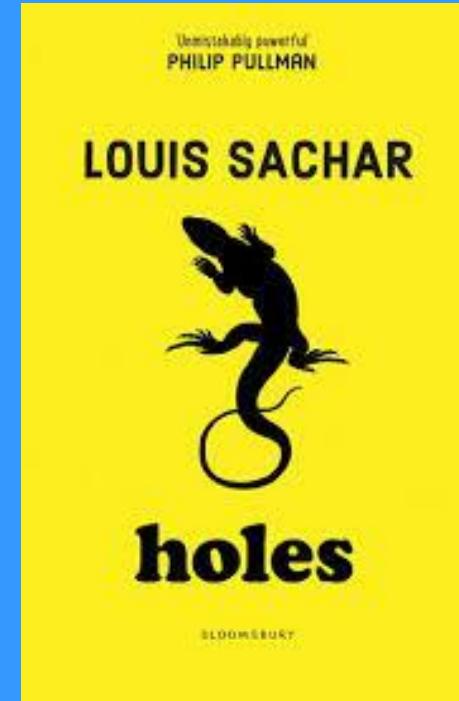


# Holes

## Author

**Louis Sachar** is an American young-adult mystery-comedy author. He is best known for the Wayside School series and the novel *Holes*. *Holes* won the 1998 U.S. National Book Award for Young People's Literature and the 1999 Newbery Medal for the year's "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children"



The iconic, multi-million bestselling novel, in a 25th anniversary edition with exclusive new material inside. An unmissable modern classic.. Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it's character building, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth. A masterpiece of storytelling that combines sly humour with irresistible, page-turning writing.

## Key Vocabulary

**Violation:** to break a law or rule

**Legitimate:** In line with the law

**Warden:** A guardian in charge

**Facility:** A building or place that provides a service

**Juvenile:** Not fully grown, young person

**Promissory:** Involving or containing a promise

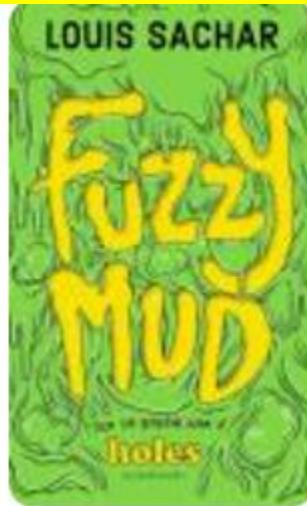
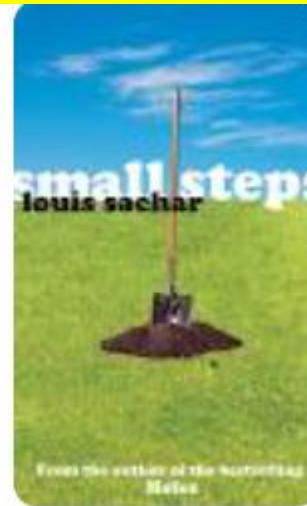
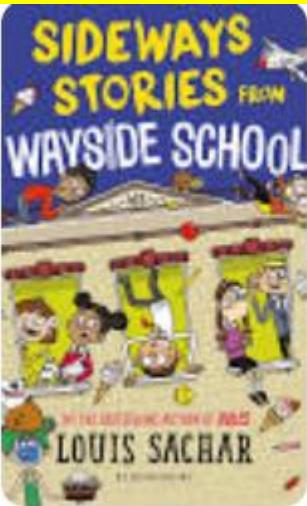
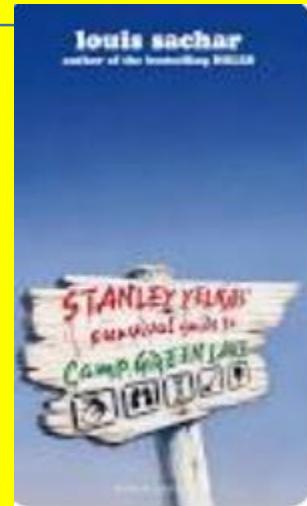
**Authenticate:** to prove real

**Incarcerated:** to spend time in prison

**Tedium** – boring/dull



Other novels by  
Louis Sachar...



Setting  
Texas, U.S.A

### Writing Challenges!

- Write one of Stanley's letters home. Remember that in these, he tells his parents what he thinks they want to hear rather than the truth!
- Design a wanted poster for Kissin' Kate Barlow.
- Write a character profile for one of the characters.
- Write a newspaper report of Stanley's trial.

