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Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar



Read Aloud Video

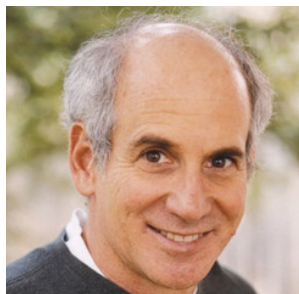
Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

Accidentally built sideways and standing thirty stories high (the builder said he was very sorry for the mistake), Wayside School has some of the wackiest classes in town, especially on the thirtieth floor. That's where you'll meet Bebe, the fastest draw in art class; John, who only reads upside down; Myron, the best class president ever; and Sammy, the new kid—he's a real rat. More than fifteen million readers have laughed at the clever and hilarious stories of Wayside School. So what are you waiting for? Come visit Wayside School! Kids 7 to 13 will zoom through these chapter books—laughing their way through the fast, funny, silly but relatable stories.

Who Wrote It?

Louis was born in New York in 1954, but only lived there until 3rd grade. Then he moved to California and lived near the orange groves. He liked school as a kid and did pretty well, but it wasn't until high school that he fell in love with reading. During college he volunteered at a school to earn additional credits. It was his experiences at that school that inspired the book Sideways Stories from Wayside School. Before he was a full time writer, Louis had a few other jobs including: door-to-door cleaning salesman, lawyer and a job at a sweater warehouse. Louis has this to say about his writing process, 'I write every morning, usually for no more than two hours a day. I never talk about a book until it is finished. I spent two years on my latest novel, and nobody, not even my wife, or daughter or my editor knew anything about it until it was finished.



Then they were the first to read it.' Louis now lives in Austin, TX with his wife (who is a school counselor turned zookeeper!) and enjoys playing cards (a game called Bridge) in his free time.

AR Reading Level: 3.3

Lexile Level: 530L

I want to read this book: YES / NO



WHAT I THINK





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