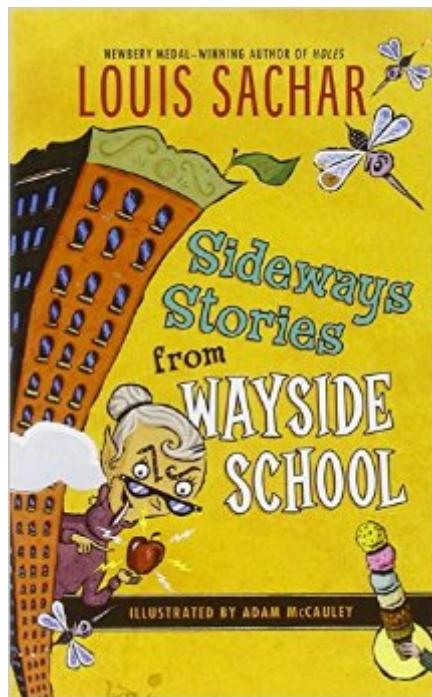


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# Sideways Stories From Wayside School



## **Synopsis**

There was a terrible mistake-Wayside School was built with one classroom on top of another, thirty stories high! (The builder said he was sorry.) Maybe that's why all kinds of funny things happened at Wayside-especially on the thirteenth floor.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book was first read to me in the first grade. I am now in 8th, and have read it at least a million times. It is a hillarious book that can help kids see how everyone is different. Besides that, it's just so darn funny. I have read many books by Louis Sachar, and in my opinion he is the best author ever.

It opens with children-turned apples turning their teacher, Mrs. Gorf, into an apple and giving her to their gym teacher, Louis (the author) to eat. Need I say more? This book is hilarious. I could just see kids I know going to a school thirty stories tall, with a classroom on each side, struggling through torturous mosquito bites, a teacher who thinks you're a monkey, and all sorts of kooky and downright hilarious characters. I could read this over and over. It is so realistic, yet oh so spacy. I first read this book when I was about seven or eight. I have read it over and over with each of my five younger siblings and it gets funnier each time. Sachar has a way of appealing to all audiences. Parents, the Wayside school series is the easiest way to get boob-tube obsessed kids to read a good book for a change. And it is a good book!

I am an adult and I really enjoyed this book. It is basically a quirky book with a very short story for each of the students in one particular class, plus the two teachers. (The first teacher is mean and comes to a funny demise.) So there are thirty short stories. It is silly humor. For example, the mean teacher turns the students into apples, a girl tries to sell her toes (unsuccessfully), a dead rat disguises itself as a student, and so on. Warning: The humor is black humor, but hilarious. So you may want to pre-read this book to see if it is appropriate for your child. But despite being black humor, everything ends well and for the best, sort of like Charlie and the Chocolate Factory or Junie B. Jones. This is not a "sweet" book, but it is fun!

I recently dug this book out from beneath a lot of my childhood stuff. My dad read it to me when I was just a little kid; at 18, I just reread it, and enjoyed it as much, if not more so--because now I could read between the lines. Thirty chapters. Each one is like a fable--an entertaining story, a nugget of truth woven into the fabric of each one. Peer pressure, politeness, standing up for yourself...sometimes the lessons are direct, sometimes they are subtle. Maybe kids won't understand them exactly, but they'll certainly remember the stories and remember the lessons thus. The story: There is something very wrong with Wayside School. It was built sideways--instead of one story with 30 rooms, it has 30 stories and one room per story. No nineteenth story, though, meaning that Miss Zarves, who teaches there, doesn't exist, either. At Wayside, students have the tendency to get turned into apples; those pesky dead rats, who live in the basement, are always trying to get into class; sleeping through class is considered educational; turning the lights on and off is a task not just anyone can do; you can help yourself to ice cream with the flavor of your fellow students, but please refrain from biting your classmates; the lunch lady just can't ruin milk, no matter how hard she tries; mosquito bites are great for counting purposes; your two missing teeth are the best in the whole world, as are the hat you aren't wearing and the joke you didn't tell; only being able to read upside down ain't much of a problem, after all; where toes cost a nickel apiece, unless they're little runts; trading names consists of spinning around really fast until you don't know who's who; if two plus two doesn't equal four, watch out; and where you need a reason to be sad, but not to be happy. "Sideways Stories From Wayside School" by Louis Sachar is a classic. Buy it, for your kid, your sibling, your niece/nephew, or yourself. It's entertaining for all ages, and just might help its reader become a better person.

Do you like laughing? If you do this is the book for you! Louis Sachar did a fabulous job writing this book. He must have one crazy imagination. All the characters in the book all have one special

"trait." Like for example a boy named Sam, who was new to the class came in on his first day with 25 jackets on! As the teacher, Ms. Jewls kept taking off each jacket he got smellier and smellier n you have to read the book to find out what happens when she takes of the last jacket. Wayside School is a crazy school which was supposed to be built as one story with 30 classes but when they were done it turned out they made it as 30 stories high and 1 class on each story. The book only talked about the class on the 30th floor, which is at first is Mrs. Gorf class. Something special happens to Mrs. Gorf so they get another teacher named Mrs. Jewls. Each chapter is based on one student in the class. It is like a day in the life of what ever the boy or girls name is. They all have a problem that goes on and it mostly ends up with Louis, the Yard Duty helping them their problem. So if you like silly books that you can luah to, this is the perfect book for you.

This book came highly recommended by everyone I know. I bought it for my reading-shy 8 year old for Christmas. Not only did he read it, but my 11 year old and 6 year old also enjoyed it. He got the series for his birthday and it was one of the presents that he was most excited about.

I absolutely loved this book as a kid, so when my friends and I were talking about it recently I knew I had to order it so we could relive our childhoods! Let me say, this book is everything we remembered and more! It's full of short, fun, silly stories that any child would love to read or be read! I would absolutely recommend this book to anyone looking for a fun book for their kid - or even for yourself! Haha.

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