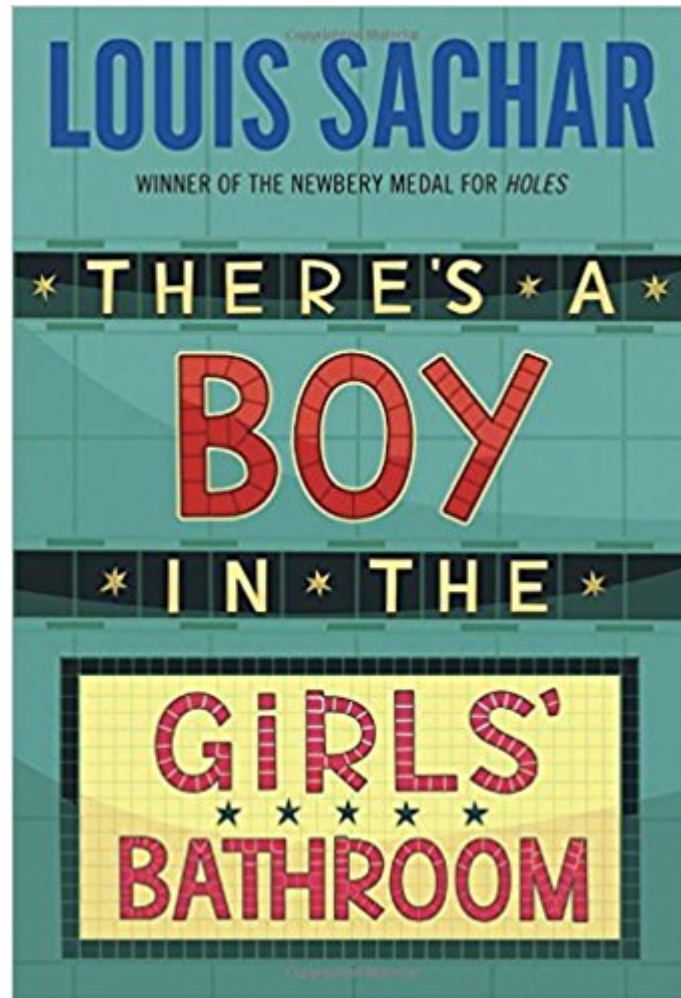




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# There's A Boy In The Girls' Bathroom



## Synopsis

The beloved bestseller from Newbery Medalist and National Book Award winner Louis Sachar (Holes), with a brand-new cover! “Give me a dollar or I’ll spit on you.” That’s Bradley Chalkers for you. He’s the oldest kid in the fifth grade. He tells enormous lies. He picks fights with girls, and the teachers say he has serious behavior problems. No one likes him except Carla, the new school counselor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and she even enjoys his far-fetched stories. Carla knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren’t afraid to try. But when you feel like the most hated kid in the whole school, believing in yourself can be the hardest thing in the world. . . .

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

Fifth grader Bradley Chalkers is bright, imaginative, antisocial and friendless. Unlike the kids at school, who hate him, Bradley’s collection of chipped and broken little pottery animals allows him to be brave, smart and vulnerable; he uses them to resolve the rejection of peers and adults. Jeff, a new boy at school, offers friendship but then withdraws his offer, because Bradley is hard to like. Enter Carla Davis, new school counselor, who is caring and funny, and who gradually helps restore Bradley’s self-confidence. Feelings and emotions are strongly evoked in this touching and serious

story of a disturbed child that is infused with humor and insight. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 4-7 An unlikely protagonist, Bradley Chalkers is a friendless, lying, insecure bully who is the oldest boy in his fifth-grade class. In this humorous novel that tells of Bradley's learning to like himself and to make friends, Sachar ably captures both middle-grade angst and joy. Bradley's triumph comes through the friendship of a new boy at school and the help of the new school counselor. Readers, like the astute counselor, can see the strengths that Bradley has, and will cheer at his minor victories and cringe at his setbacks along the way. The story is unusual, witty, and satisfying, if not always believable: a few incidents just do not work. For instance, even though Bradley has not been doing his homework, his complete ignorance of it is unlikely ("He hadn't realized. . . he would need to bring his book home"), and his total unfamiliarity with birthday parties is too extreme for a ten year old, even one who hadn't been to a party in three years. Yet Bradley's need for acceptance even as he holds back from classmates who might mock or hurt him is genuine, and his eventual success will gratify readers. David Gale, "School Library Journal" Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book was read to me when I was in second grade. That was in 1993. I remember our teacher said we could lay our heads down on our desk and either have a short nap or listen to this story for an hour. She would read for an hour each day and it quickly became my favorite part of the school day. I could never nap because I just had to know what happened next in Bradley Chalkers story. It was uplifting and inspiring to listen to the triumphant story of a 5th grade boy who struggled in school to be liked and to believe in himself. Now 22 years later I have a little boy in 1st grade and he has come to enjoy chapter books and I knew this would be one of the books I had to read to my children. This book is especially suitable for my little boy as he has ADHD and is struggling a bit in school this year. He isn't overtly mean like Bradley is in the beginning of the story but he too has some behavior struggles and finds it a bit difficult to believe in himself at times. It's a great opportunity to be able to spend some time together and watch him put himself in Bradley's shoes. It's been fun to see how intuitive and bright my little boy is as we read this together and he shares his insights with me. I'm grateful my second grade teacher read this to our class in 1993 and that I can now read this to my own children in 2015. I have found that it is just as relevant today as it was back then.

I read this book for the first time as a 5th grader ('89/'90ish) and it became my favorite book for the next couple of years. A few weeks ago something made me think about it again and i decided to buy a copy, read it again, and see if it held up. I didn't remember much about it, only that it was a very emotional read for me as a 9 year old. I've started it again and i have to say i'm just as captivated by the story now as i was back then, perhaps more so even because of the nostalgia value. I would recommend that parents buy this book for their pre-teen kids. This book introduced me to the joy of reading, it grips you from the inside and takes you on the emotional roller coaster ride that is the life of a 5th grade misfit.

My 10 year old son chose this to read over the summer for school and I decided to read it as well. Fantastic book! I read 24 chapters last night and couldn't put it down! Unfortunately, I HAD to go to sleep and get up early. :( BUT, I finished it today! :) This is an excellent book, very well written and my son loves it too! This book is a winner!

Appropriate for K - 7th grade, but entertaining for all. More mature and thoughtful than Sachar's Sideways Stories (no magic/fantasy here), but still funny and clever at every turn. It's drama peppered with comedy. Very glad I took a chance on it for my kids.

Loved this book as a kid and just bought this on the kindle for my daughter. She started reading it and loves it already!! Such a fun book for 4th-5th grade reading level readers. Highly recommended!!

I love this book! If you're looking for a book to teach our children about friendship, self love, and transformation, this is it.

Really cute! This was recommended to me by our school psychologist. It is great!

This is a good book because most books are about kids who are bullied but this book is about a bully except he learns not to be a bully. I think that it's an awesome book and you should read it. THE END of review thingie.

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