**Louis Sachar**



Louis Sachar was born on 20 March 1954 in East Meadows, New York and still lives in America. His father worked on the 78th floor of the Empire State Building. When he was nine, his family moved to Tustin, California. Louis didn’t enjoy reading until he went to High School.

He attended the University of California, at Berkeley. During his last year there, he helped out at an elementary school – Hillside School, an experience that inspired his first book, Sideways Stories from Wayside School.

He attended Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco and graduated in 1980. He worked part-time as a lawyer for eight years as he continued to write children's books. He lives in Austin, Texas with his family.