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School: El Dorado High School
Grade: Senior
Book Title: Holes
Book Author: Louis Sachar
Rating: 4.2/5

The Book "Holes", written by Louis Sachar, is a book about a troubled kid named Stanley Yelnats who gets sent to a remote desert camp and is forced to dig holes in blazing heat. At first, he struggles. As the new kid, he's inexperienced compared to the rest of the kids at the camp. However, Stanley learns to be a part of their culture and adapts to the harsh environment, and as the story goes on, he begins to sliver his way around these tasks, and it makes life easier for him. All of the kids in the camp are in the same boat, so they are forced to work as a team. They've been living there for a while, and they haven't seen what a true cloud looks like. The dry landscape creates a relatable hope that each kid has... rain.

There are many things I like about this book. One of things that is very unique about Sachar's writing is that he makes every character unique in their own way, and their traits become useful throughout the story. Especially in the harsh environment that they live in, he manages to make every person seem like the main character at one point in the story. Another thing I like about the book is the amount of dynamic characters there are in the story. Nearly every single character is a dynamic character and that change adds a lot of depth to the story.

I would recommend this book to a lot of middle schoolers and high schoolers. This book is a fun read, and also has a lot of relatable moments since teenagers tend to be troublesome no matter what. The author made the book very easy to understand, and you could easily find a part in the book that connects to another part of the book.