

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

### Celeste Phelan, age 13

*A story of friendship, bullying, secrets and horrible, itchy fuzzy mud.*

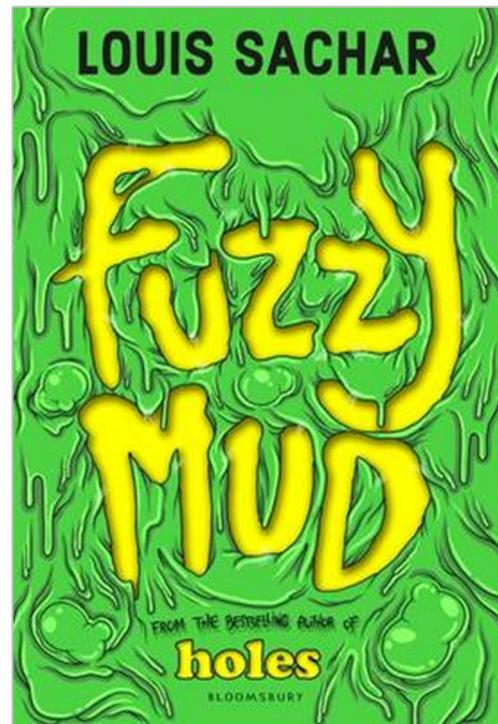
*Tamaya and Marshall are neighbours and every day they walk to their school, Woodridge academy, together. Tamaya is an A\* student, Marshall is unpopular and Chad is the bad boy. But one day, Marshall and Tamaya take a detour through the woods to avoid Chad and what awaits them is sinister, strange and completely unexpected. Their daily lives are so far apart but together they come across the phenomenon, fuzzy mud.*

*Tamaya is a good student who works extremely hard and is very obedient. Whereas Marshall is a shy boy who is an easy target for bullying. Chad is a horrid, mean, yet sensitive boy who has a difficult and unexpected past.*

*My favourite part was when Chad finds Marshall and Tamaya in the wood and chases them. I found this very exciting and I couldn't put the book down. I also particularly liked the images of magnifying glasses and microorganisms at the corner of the page of each chapter and how as the book progressed the quantity grew. I thought this really emphasised the danger and the reproduction of the fuzzy mud.*

***I have read multiple books by Louis Sachar and this is definably my favourite. It is very mysterious, strange and sinister and I liked it a lot.***

*I recommend this book to 11+ readers as it a page-turner which you just can't put down.*



## **Jessica Lund**

*The book, 'Fuzzy Mud', was about as the title implies fuzzy mud! The story focuses on Tamaya, Marshall and a bully called Chad. Louis Sachar does a fantastic job at helping us understand more about the characters by giving us a little history about each of the characters without giving everything away and boring us. The best quote of the book in my opinion is "so how does it feel to have a disease named after you?" **My favourite part of the book is when you read about interviews that help you to understand how the fuzzy mud was made and what it is supposed to do.** During the interviews we get to piece together a little more information. This brilliant book starts to take place when the bully Chad, challenges Marshall to a fight just outside of school. To escape from having a fight Marshall decides to take a 'shortcut' home (that's what he tells Tamaya). Tamaya knows it is against the rules to go into the woods but she is not allowed walk home alone, and has to make a Hobson's choice. Even though Marshall thinks he is safe in the wood Chad ends up finding him. To protect Marshall Tamaya picked up some strange looking fuzzy mud and throws it at Chads face and he falls down leaving them to escape. The next day at school Chad has disappeared...*

## **Adam Goodman, age 12**

***A slow start but worth the wait as it ended up being a great read with lots of suspense and gruesome parts!** I thoroughly enjoyed this book and would recommend it to anyone aged 10 plus.*

*The book started slowly but after 3-4 chapters, the storyline picked up and I couldn't put the book down. It was full of suspense and quite gruesome in places! I particularly liked the part when the ergonyms were multiplying into millions in Tamaya's body. I have read most of Louis Sachar's books, this book was written in a different style to many of his others. I would recommend this book to anyone aged 10 plus as the wording is quite simple. Beware of the gory parts though!!*

## **Aimee Sweet**

*Louis Sachar is back with his awesome new book, 'Fuzzy Mud'. The main character is Tamaya. Tamaya is a very smart girl who walks to and from school with Marshall. They know each other pretty well as they have been walking together for three years, and when Marshall decides to take 'a shortcut'*

*through the woods one day, Tamaya finds out quickly that Marshall wanted to avoid Chad, the school bully. But it's not only Chad who is waiting for them in the forest. There is something else, much more sinister, much more scary. There is something there that could change their lives... for the worse...*

***I really liked this book and the way it built up until the climax, which was really good!*** I loved the characters Tamaya and Marshall, and how their friendship grew. I thought the plot was interesting because of the fuzzy mud. It was very easy to read so I suggest boys and girls of around 10-14 years old should read it. I give it a four star, because it didn't let me down, although I did like Sachar's other books better.

### **Jack Wilson, age 13**

*Mystery, tension and horror.*

*You realise pretty quickly that Tamaya and Marshall should stay away from the woods, and that Chad is going to cause them trouble!*

***'Fuzzy Mud' is an amazing book, which I couldn't put down. It was a great story from start to finish, with strong characters and good contrast.*** The book is great and I would definitely recommend it to a friend. 'Fuzzy Mud's' story line is captivating, with a good hidden 'easter egg' of what is happening (the x2 thing), and at the end shows the choice of two lesser evils.

*Keep an eye out for 'Fuzzy Mud'!*

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### **Amelie Chatham, age 12**

*'Fuzzy Mud' is a great book for people who love to know what is happening before the characters in the book know.*

*'Fuzzy Mud' tells the story of Tamaya. She is forced to walk with the school loner, Marshall, to school and back every day. One day Marshall cuts through the woods to avoid the bully and Tamaya comes across the infamous Fuzzy Mud. After splatting someone in the face with the fuzzy mess, she realises how dangerous it can be and sets out to find her fuzzy mud victim. Marshall finds his friend missing and sets out into the woods to search for her. ***I liked this book a lot and would rate it a 9 out of 10, I didn't give it a 10 mainly because I didn't understand the sums at the end of each chapter.*** Altogether it's a good book.*

**Natalie Hunter, age 13**

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*'Fuzzy Mud' is a really exciting and gripping book. I love all the characters and the plot is amazing. I couldn't put it down. I loved the little image of the bacteria on the petri dish at the start of each chapter and I thought it was a really interesting way of showing how the mud in the story spread. I especially loved the ending. I would recommend it to anyone and everyone.*

**Sophia Ufton**

***Amazing!! Loved this book so much.***

*Tamaya Dhilwaddi goes to Woodridge Academy, a private school in Heath Cliff, Pennsylvania, which used to be a home where William Heath had lived from 1891 to 1917 with only his wife and three daughters. The kindergarten area had once been the stables and the lunch room used to be a grand ballroom. 289 kids ages 4-14 attend. Tamaya walks to school everyday with Marshall Walsh who is a seventh-grader but as soon as they get to school they stop talking and act like each other doesn't exist because of Chad the bully, who makes Marshall's life miserable. One day they take a detour through the woods home to avoid Chad the bully and they find something strange, sinister and unexpected. What will they find? Will they stay friends and deal with Chad? What are the United States Senate Committee hiding? Read to find out.*

**Edel Waugh**

*Welcome to Heath Cliff, Pennsylvania where we meet Tamaya and her friend Marshall who go to Woodridge school. It's a very prestigious school but it has it's bad side too in the form of school bully Chad. After one particular unpleasant day he chases after these friends and they run into the woods, **this was the worst mistake they could make because there is something far scarier than a big lout of a bully in there, there is something that would scare even him!***

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**Imogen Breaks, age 12**

***I have read some of Sacher's books before and I really enjoyed them but I was disappointed when this one didn't work for me. It is about two kids who walk to school together and end up in trouble.***

*I have read Holes and Small Steps by Louis Sacher and really enjoyed them however I was quite disappointed when his new book wasn't as engaging as the others. I read the first four chapters but it just didn't work for me. It is about a girl called Tamaya who walks to school with her neighbour Marshall who is three years older than her. However, as soon as they are at school Marshall never talks to her and acts as if she is invisible. One day Tamaya and Marshall take a detour through the woods to avoid the school bully Chad, who makes Marshall's life a misery, although what was waiting for them in the woods was sinister and completely unexpected... Unfortunately it didn't grab my attention but it might grab yours! I would rate this a 4/10.*