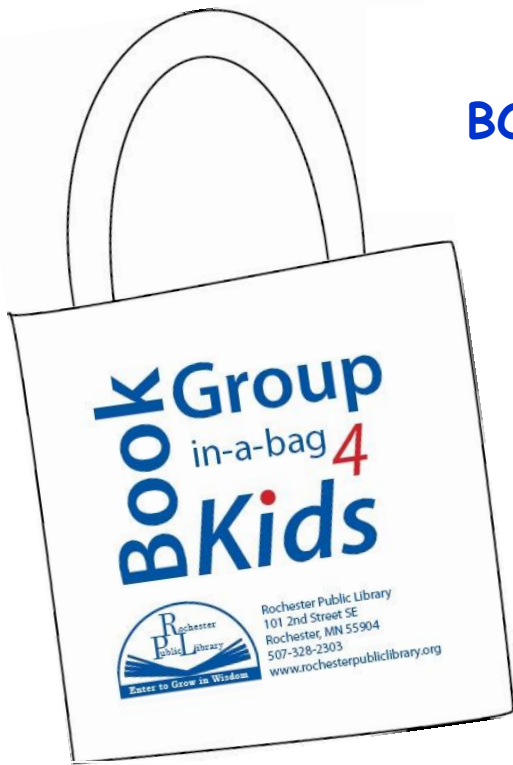


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## BOOK GROUP IN-A-BAG 4 KIDS



### Sequel

**SMALL STEPS** by Louis Sachar  
Companion

**Stanley Yelnats' Survival Guide to Camp Green Lake**

### Awards & Accolades

1999 Newbery Medal

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**AR Quiz No.** 28081 **EN** Fiction  
**IL:** MG - **BL:** 4.6 - **AR Pts:** 7.0  
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## Holes

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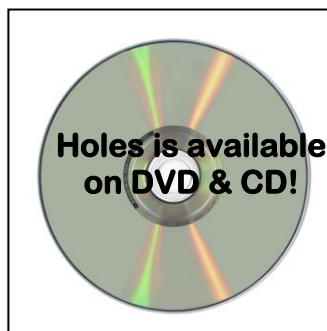
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## Discussion Questions

1. Why is the book called Holes?
2. Besides the boys, who else dug holes at Green Lake?
3. How does digging holes help Zero and Stanley survive?
4. Was there a hole in Stanley's life when he went to Camp Green Lake? Was it still there when he left? Why or why not?
5. What "holes" are there in the story for the reader? How are they "filled in"?
6. Besides the title, the characters' names are also symbolic. Discuss the importance of names in the book. What is the significance of Stanley's name being a palindrome? Talk about the the names in the book, particularly the nicknames given to the boys at Camp Green Lake.
7. There are many parallels between the different stories told in Holes. Explain the importance of these recurring themes: peaches, onions, lizards, Mary Lou.
8. Find examples of irony and dark humor in the book.
9. At the heart of this story is a fable. Discuss the moral of this fable.
10. Who are the important characters? What does each character represent?