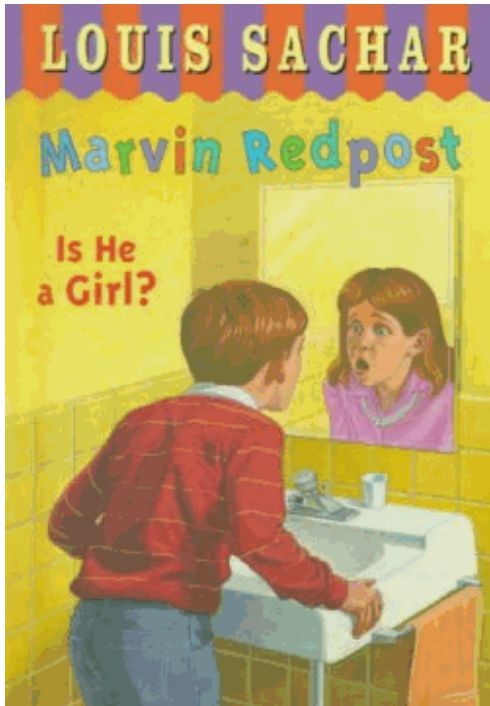


# MARVIN REDPOST: IS HE A GIRL?



## Summary of Concerns:

This book contains benign references to switching genders.

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| 10   | <p>He liked being a boy. He was glad he was a boy! One thing for sure. He did not want to turn into a girl!</p> <p>At least not forever. Maybe it would be okay for a few minutes. Just to see what it was like.</p>  |
| 16   | <p>The umpire spoke to Marvin. "I'm sorry young man," he said. "But you can't play. You're out of uniform."</p> <p>"Huh?" said Marvin.</p> <p>He looked down at his clothes. He was wearing a dress.</p> <p>The illustration depicts Marvin wearing a dress as other boys point at him.</p>   |
| 17   | <p>"No!" Marvin said right away. He couldn't tell his mother that he wore a dress!</p>  |
| 18   | <p>"It's already started," he said aloud. "I already sound like a girl."</p>  |
| 26   | <p>"Look at my face," said Marvin. "Do I look like a girl?"</p>   |
| 29   | <p>"I think I'm turning into a girl," said Marvin.</p>  |
| 30   | <p>"Your voice sounds funny," said his mother. "Do you feel all right?"</p>   |
| 31   | <p>No, I don't! he told himself. I don't like bangs. I don't want bangs. I don't want to wear my hair like a girl. He didn't know why he had thought such a thought.</p>  |
| 38   | <p>"What's wrong with turning into a girl?" asked the voice. "Girls are better than boys. Girls are smarter. Prettier. Braver. Girls can have ponytails. Pigtails. Bangs. Grils can wear sparkles on their clothes."</p> <p>..."Girls can do somersaults, Marvin. Your four-year-old sister can do a somersault, and you can't."</p> <p>"Girls can hang from the monkey bars upside down by their knees."</p> <p>Marvin had always wished he could do that.</p> |
| 39   | <p>"Girls can go into the girl's bathroom," said the voice. "Don't you want to go into the girls' bathroom? And hear all the secrets girls tell in there?"</p>  |
| 40   | <p>He giggled.</p> <p>It was fun to be a girl!</p>  |
| 42   | <p>Her ponytail stuck out of the side of her head.</p> <p>Marvin wondered what it would be like to have hair like that.</p> <p>..."...If I had long hair, I think I'd wear pigtails sometimes. Or maybe a french braid."</p> <p>..."And your voice sounds so funny," said Casey. "What'd you do? Kiss your elbow?"</p>  |
| 46   | <p>But if I wore a dress to school, everyone would probably think I was weird or something.</p> <p>Maybe not? He wasn't sure.</p> <p>Maybe he should wear a dress to school tomorrow, he thought. See what the other kids think.</p>  |
| 47   | <p>"Do you think it would be weird if I wore a dress to school?" Marvin asked her.</p>  |
| 55   | <p>"Clarence wouldn't hit-" Marvin stopped.</p> <p>...He was going to say, Clarence wouldn't hit a girl.</p>  |