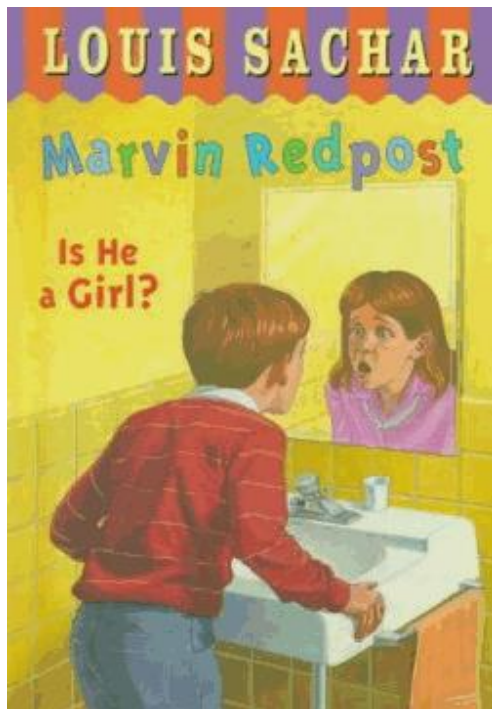


MARVIN REDPOST: IS HE A GIRL?



Juvenile

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OBJECTION RATING

3/5

Summary of Concerns:

Probably originally intended to be fairly silly and benign, but in the current culture, this book is not so benign. The entire book is about a boy whom begins to turn into a girl and then after an accident, he begins to believe he's a boy again.

CITATIONS

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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. See Figure 1.</p>
17	"No!" Marvin said right away. He couldn't tell his mother that he wore a dress!
18	"It's already started," he said aloud. "I already sound like a girl."
26	"Look at my face," said Marvin. "Do I look like a girl?"
29	"I think I'm turning into a girl," said Marvin.
30	"Your voice sounds funny," said his mother. "Do you feel all right?"
31	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.
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	"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?"
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	"Do you think it would be weird if I wore a dress to school?" Marvin asked her.
55	<p>"Clarence wouldn't hit-" Marvin stopped.</p> <p>...He was going to say, Clarence wouldn't hit a girl.</p>

Marvin waved the bat back and forth. He was afraid of Clarence but tried not to show it.

Suddenly Clarence laughed.

Then everyone else laughed too.

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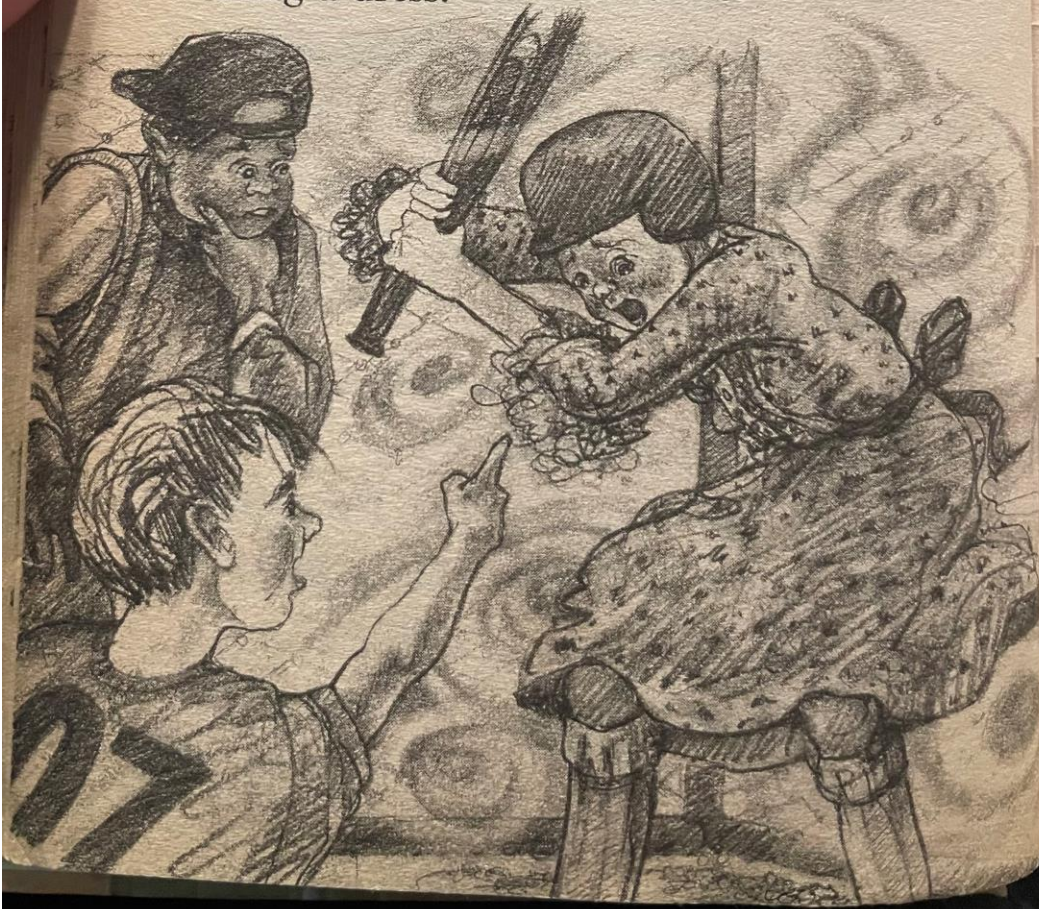


Figure 1