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Marvin is amazed when he goes home with Casey Happleton one day after school and discovers that she lives in an old fire station. But that's not all that surprises him. Casey has a secret she wants to share - a crystal with super magical powers. A crystal that makes all your wishes come true. Can it be real or could she be casting her own spell on him?

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Dolly says

This is the eighth and last book in the Marvin Redpost series. The story shows Marvin testing the powers of a magic crystal with a girl in his class. His relationship with her is the focus of the story.

The story is short and entertaining and I love that the author shows Marvin as a very real character who is somewhat afraid to admit that he likes a girl. I loved the ending - it was very sweet.

We enjoyed reading this story together and we are a little sad to say goodbye to Marvin and his family and friends.

Katrina says

Fun to read with my 7 y.o.

Naomi Campbell says

This was one of my most favorite Marvin Redpost books so far. I like the idea of living in an old firehouse and sliding down the pole. But whoa, four stories high, that's a lot of house. Yes, I agree, Marvin, seems like a "mansion." I liked the funny, confusing parts about knowing your phone number, and the wishes were pretty adventurous too. The ending also made me smile.

Kathleen says

Although I'm not crazy about them, these books are pretty all right for getting young readers who need a series to motivate them. Marvin is a very appealing little guy, and I like Sachar's style quite a bit.

ABC says

I wish Mr. Sachar will write a new Marvin Redpost book. I have a magic crystal, so it has to come true.

Philip says

That Louis Sachar is something else. In the book he introduces kids to the idea that English can be troublingly ambiguous. He shows the problems with assuming, and there's a fantastic dialogue sequence that takes place in between the protagonist and facial expressions of his friend/future wife.

So, what'd you guys think?

El: well I think it's a great book. I really like the part when Marvin Redpost and Casey wished no one would be sick that day.

Poppy: I like the part where they wished for cookies.

Gwen: I like the part where Marvin wished for them to get married when they grow up.

Dad: So it was a good book?

Gwen: Yep.

El: Can you add one more thing? I basically like all the parts before and after Marvin wished for Casey to be quiet.

Dad: All right, it's in there. Let's go read it.

Catherine Woodman says

Louis Sachar is a great writer for mid-grammar school age kids--The Marvin Redpost series is a great example of his talent at accessible writing and reading for this age group

◇ **Kimberly** ◇ says

A quick and funny read about a boy who wished a girl to "shut-up" using a magic crystal. It follows with a silly silent treatment and the story ends with a good closing. A very easy read for primary grade children.

Wendy says

Fantastic series for 8 and 9 yr olds. My third graders loved this series. Mr. Sachar oh how you can touch children with your work!

Mandy Robek says

A story about friends and silly kid ideas. Students will have to stop and think about dialogue and what characters are really trying to say. Humor -ish. An older series but this class is reading it up.

Jackie says

Such a cute book. Love it.

Ethan says

It's cool how a rock got struck by lightning and turned into magic and so anyone could wish anything they wanted and their wish would come true.

Maggie says

I'm at the end of the series and I wish there was another book. This is a really easy read. My little brother, who is 5, loves these books. But I enjoyed reading them too.

Amy says

This review is from Tommy, age 8.

I read this book for school. I think people with lots of imagination would like this book. The reason is pretending that something is magic is very imaginative. I think a joker would like this book because it is very funny. For example, joking around that a rock was hit by lightning is very funny. But for me I like the book.

Alyssa says

Casey is a friend of Marvin's. Marvin likes her a lot, but she's not his girlfriend. Casey has a magic crystal and wants to share it with Marvin. She told him that it used to be a regular rock, but it got struck by lightning! Marvin isn't too sure what to believe.
