

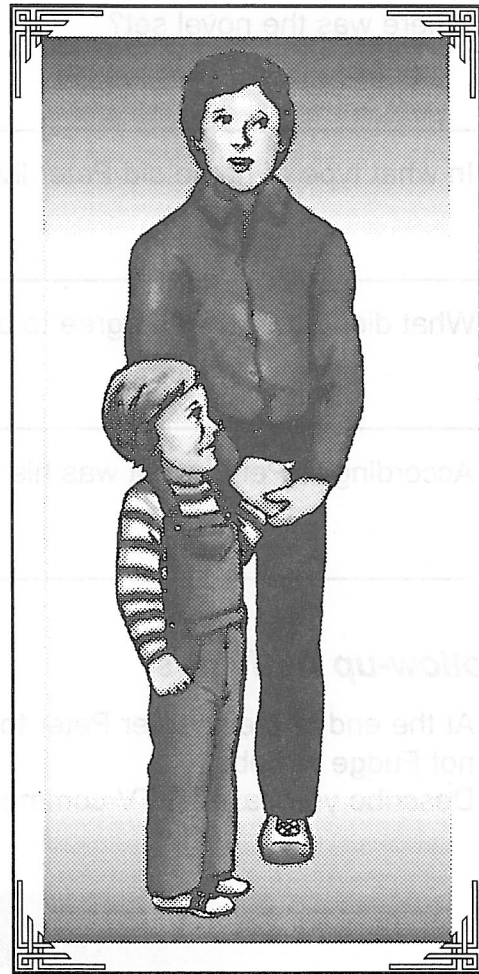
A Literature Unit

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

by Judy Blume

In honor of Judy Blume's birthday, read
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.

Judy (Sussman) Blume was born on
February 12, 1938, in Elizabeth, New
Jersey. One of the most popular
authors of our time, her realistic style
is often controversial.



Chapter 1: The Big Winner

Vocabulary: Match the vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.

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| ___ 1. apartment | a. made more comfortable by adding a soft object |
| ___ 2. cushioned | b. business of attracting attention to a product or business |
| ___ 3. groan | c. set of rooms rented to live in |
| ___ 4. scrub | d. eating or drinking in a noisy manner |
| ___ 5. advertising | e. to make a long, deep sound of pain or sorrow |
| ___ 6. slurping | f. to clean by rubbing hard |

Comprehension & Discussion Questions

1. What was Dribble? How did Peter get him?

2. What didn't Peter's mother like about the turtle?

3. Where was the novel set?

4. In what type of home did Peter live?

5. What did Peter have to agree to in order to keep Dribble?

6. According to Peter, what was his biggest problem?

Follow-up Activities

1. At the end of the chapter Peter told Fudge not to touch the turtle. Predict whether or not Fudge will obey.
2. Describe your favorite TV commercial. Explain why you like it.

