

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Grades 4-6

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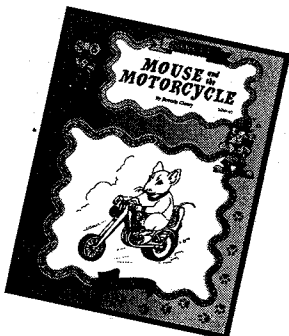
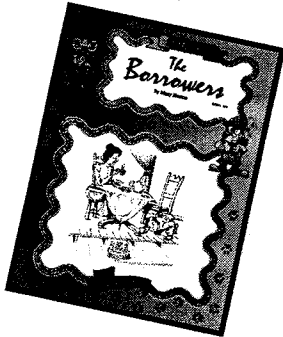
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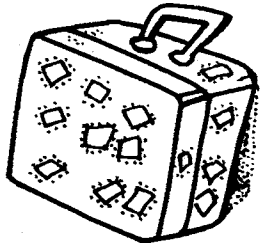
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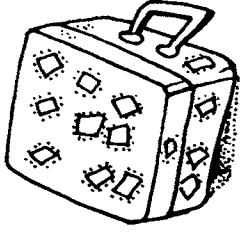


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Expectations

Students will

- enjoy and appreciate the humor written in good literature.
- become acquainted with the writings of Judy Blume
- further develop their reading and writing skills.

Summary of the Story

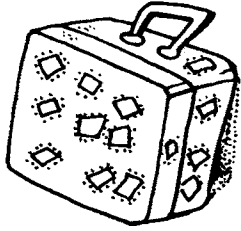
Peter Hatcher lives in New York City with his mother, father, and two year old brother, Fudge, in an old apartment building. Peter often becomes upset with the behavior of his younger brother Fudge. He is frequently embarrassed and ashamed of the scenes created by Fudge.

Peter feels that his parents allow Fudge to get away with many things and he feels that they give him more attention. He is very discouraged with his situation and often feels like a fourth grade nothing. The day that Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, is the last straw.

Author Biography

Judy Blume

Judy Blume was born on February 12, 1938, in Elizabeth, N.J. Her father was a dentist and her mother was a housewife. Her father was a fun-loving vibrant man and to whom she was very close. Her father enjoyed building things in his basement. When Judy was a child he built her a beautiful desk. Her mother was shy and quiet and well organized. She loved to read and often curled up in her favorite chair with her favorite book after school. Judy's brother was four years older than her and he was very clever. He was mechanically inclined and built radios and other electronic equipment, Judy had a close family relationship in many ways but she still often felt alone. Her family never talked about problems and kept their feelings to themselves. For these reasons Judy Blume wrote books to help children find the answers to questions but was afraid to ask them.



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Vocabulary Usage

The vocabulary listed for each chapter may be introduced and discussed before each chapter is read. The words may be recorded on charts and the following skills may be taught or reinforced.

- compound words
- syllabication
- singular and plural
- prefixes and suffixes
- gender
- nouns and verbs
- adjectives and adverbs
- root words
- long and short vowels
- vowel combinations
- blends and digraphs
- homonyms
- synonyms
- antonyms

List of Vocabulary

Chapter One: The Big Winner

Dribble, operator, Henry Bevelheimer, Jimmy Fargo, advertising, business, commercial, combination, Farley Drexel Hatcher, slurping

Chapter Two: Mr. and Mrs. Juicy-O

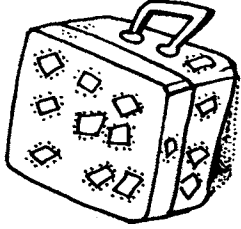
comfortable, silliest, pastimes, racket, measly, advantages, insulted, hunted, inspected, resist, hollered

Chapter Three: The Family Dog

clients, especially, brilliant, satisfied, monkey business, relieved

Chapter Four: My Brother the Bird

mugged, helium, pollution, cooties, agent, imitate, accents, hesitated, bawling, disgusted



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Chapter Five: The Birthday Bash

fangs, insult, appointment, supervise, reason, managed, wander, apologized, vampire, untangled, demonstrate, patience, embarrassed

Chapter Six: Fang Hits Town

surrounded, experience, chip off the old block, mumbling, action, congratulations, celebration, rearrange, department, temper, tantrum, motioned, slurping

Chapter Seven: The Flying Train Committee

project, committees, topic, transportation, oral, posterboard, conjection, pollution, solution, monorail, microscope, barber

Chapter Eight: The TV Stars

Boston, agency, pocketbook, commercial, condition, beckoned

Chapter Nine: Just Another Rainy Day

audience, conclusion, omelet, squinted

Chapter Ten: Dribble!

babbled, emergency, ambulance, attendant, embarrassed, miserable