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Blubber



Synopsis

What happens when teasing goes too far? This classic middle grade novel from Judy Blume addresses the timeless topic of bullying and has a fresh new look. “Blubber is a good name for her,” the note from Caroline said about Linda. Jill crumpled it up and left it on the corner of her school desk. She didn’t want to think about Linda or her dumb report on whales just then. Jill wanted to think about Halloween. But Robby grabbed the note and before Linda stopped talking it had gone halfway around the room. There was something about Linda that made a lot of kids in her fifth-grade class want to see how far they could go—but nobody, Jill least of all, expected the fun to end where it did.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Judy Blume’s body of work returns to her original editor, Richard Jackson, with the rerelease of four classics in hardcover. An African-American family moves to all-white Grove Street in Iggy’s House, to be released in April. The author’s breakthrough title, Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret, about 11-year old Margaret Simon’s struggles with puberty and religion, is now available in hardcover as well as in a Spanish-language edition, Estas ahí Dios? Soy yo, Margaret. Two additional titles came out last season: Blubber takes on preteen teasing; and It’s Not the End of the

World explores the effects of divorce. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Judy Blume's considerable gifts of humor, readability, and child appeal mask her other vocation as teller of moral tales." -- The New York Times (New York Times) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have read some negative reviews about this book and can't quite understand what they are complaining about. This book gives you different views of a person being bullied. Whether you are apart of it, quiet in a corner, being bullied or the one the table gets turned on. Wendy did get her due justice (not the way we may have wanted), she was called out in front of her minions. By calling her out, and making the others think for themselves, stopped the tirade of this little queen and her minions. This showed children that you can speak up, and yes there will be painful repercussions but you can surpass that too. What they are afraid of will happen, but this is what you can do. Not so simple, but possible. As parents we need to at times be a friend and remember what it was like as children. Doing so will help us relate better and hopefully make our children trust and feel comfortable when coming to us. I had a Wendy, a teacher who didn't like Polynesian kids, and would not do anything to My Wendy because of her father's influence. Luckily for me my family that said (those against violence will not like this, but I don't care) "if someone causes trouble to you, tell the teacher, if the teacher does nothing tell the principal and if they still don't do nothing knock em out." Well I told the teacher, I was ignored and was punished. Sent to the principal's office because I reported it again and was told "she accidentally hit you with a fork, she's very sorry." Humm tell that to my cracked lip, or the scars from pencils being jabbed into my arm. Enough was enough and I clocked her, her friends and her stupid guy friends. Best part was, when our families were called to meet, my family stood behind me. I knew then I was safe, and as long as I stood up for what was right, I had nothing to fear. So if you still feel I acted like a barbarian, I'll send you a picture of a 4 prong scar that was given to me by My Wendy, because I wouldn't give her my homework. This book gives you avenues to approach bullying, and hopefully opens the eyes of those who see it or are doing it. To say you want this book banned or that your child is afraid now after reading this book. It's your job to reassure them, it's your job to make sure they are not a Wendy, it's your job to educate children and adults to stop this viciousness, but it's not your job to take away the choice to read this book. Your child do as you please, but butt out on the opportunity for others to have a choice/chance. If you are a child being bullied, or even an adult, speak up, screw them and live.

This has been one of my favorite books since childhood. Bullying is a hot topic right now and even though this older book doesn't address cyber-bullying, it does show what bullying can look like, and how even a "nice" kid can get sucked into bullying. It also shows how easy the tables can turn and the bullier becomes the victim. It is an honest look at how our behavior can affect others and can be a good conversation starter. I would recommend this mostly for middle-school kids (4-7th grade)

Moving, emotional and great book. I would recommend this book for ages 10 to 13 but this book is also enjoyable for adults to read with their older children. My mother says she loved this book as a kid and I defiantly did as well. I would defiantly recommend this book!

great book, recommended

The only thing that sucks is the horrible robot voice that auto Reads it teaches young girls about bullying and how to notice when there is more than teasing

I'm 45 years old and I still enjoy this book.... I purchased this book for my daughter to read, since I read this in elementary school as a kid.

I like that it was funny. I didn't like the swear words, or how mean the girls were to Linda and Jill.

Judy Blume is an awesome author but I couldn't stand the way the characters talked to each other.

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