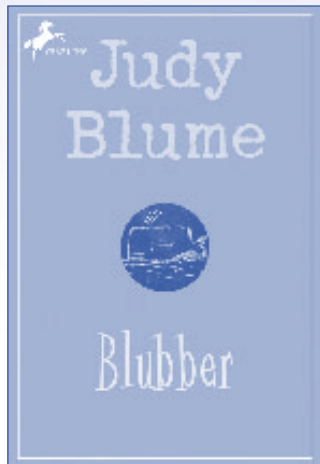


YEARLING

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF CLASSICS

JUDY BLUME



Blubber

Bullying isn't a new problem in schools. Discuss why Linda is such an easy target for bullies. Describe her feelings when the girls do and say mean things to her.

Ask the class to discuss what Linda could have done to help her situation.

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"I've been a proud member of the Yearling family for more than 30 years when Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. became my first book to be published in paperback. I had no idea, at the time, the impact that Yearling would have on children, reading, and my career."—Judy Blume

AUTHOR FUN FACTS

Born

In New Jersey

Currently Lives

In New York City and
Key West, Florida

On Writing

My characters live inside my head for a long time before I actually start a book about them. Then, they become so real to me I talk about them at the dinner table as if they are real. Some people consider this weird. But my family understands.

AUTHOR STUDY ACTIVITY

After reading several of Blume's books, ask students to take a poll of the class's favorite title. Then ask students to poll their parents or another family member on what was their favorite Judy Blume book as a child, and have them read that book together as a family project. Ask students to keep a journal documenting that experience.

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Yearling Author Study

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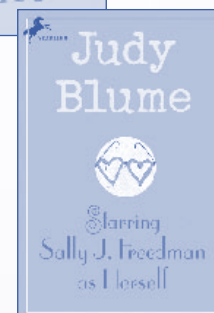
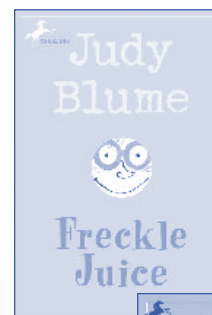
When Judy Blume was growing up, she dreamed about becoming a cowgirl, a detective, a spy, a great actress, or a ballerina. Not a dentist, like her father, or a homemaker, like her mother—and certainly not a writer, although she always loved to read.

She made up stories while playing or while practicing the piano, but she never wrote down any of the stories. And she never told anyone about them.

When Blume grew up, her need for storytelling didn't go away. When her two children started preschool she began to write and has been writing ever since!

Many of Blume's books are set in New Jersey because that's where she was born and raised and she lived there until her children finished elementary school. Then they moved to New Mexico, which was the setting for *Tiger Eyes* and then spent two years in Connecticut, where *Just as Long as We're Together* and *Here's to You, Rachel Robinson* are set. And *Fudge-a-Mania* grew out of a summer spent in Maine.

Blume now lives in New York City and Key West, Florida, with her husband, George Cooper, who writes nonfiction. They have three grown children and one incredible grandchild whose first word was book.



DELVE INTO THE BOOKS!

Blume writes about issues that teenagers often have to deal with while growing up.

Have students take on a peer counselor role and share the advice they would give. Organize a program with a younger group of students or a lower level school for your students to help out as peer counselors.

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.

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Blubber

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Freckle Juice

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Here's to You, Rachel Robinson

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Iggie's House

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It's Not the End of the World

0-440-44158-7

Just as Long as We're Together

0-440-40075-9

Starring Sally J. Freedman as Herself

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The One in the Middle Is the Green Kangaroo

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Then Again, Maybe I Won't

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