

Bud, Not Buddy
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Chapter I

1. What is the setting of the story?

2. Using context clues, what can you determine the words "case worker" means?

3. Why is Bud in a home?

4. If you were in Bud's shoes, what emotions would you have?

Chapter 2

1. If a boy or a person like Todd, did to you what he did to Bud, what would you have done?

2. Do you think Bud's Brer Rabbit game is going to work? What does it mean by Brer Rabbit?

Chapter 3

1. Who are the people that Bud relates to when he is in the shed, based on his actions?

2. Bud is scared, he said that it gave him something extra. What is that something extra?

Chapter 4

1. How does Bud's favorite quote relate to what he just did to Todd?

2. Why did Bud choose that "revenge"?

3. Who is J. Edgar Hoover?

Chapter 5

1. Why does Bud always correct people when they call him Buddy?

2. What does Bud's name mean?

Chapter 6

1. Why did the man in line at the Mission call Bud, Clarence? What was the reasoning?

2. Do you think it was right what the man did? Why? Was it helpful?

Chapter 7

1. According to Bud, what makes people fall asleep in libraries?

2. What is the simile Bud makes about someone's sleeping head?

Chapter 8

1. The phrase "on the lam" keeps being used. What does that mean from all the details and context so far in the story, in relation to Bud and what has happened so far?

2. What is Bug and Bud's plan?

3. Based on their plan, they are now in the "cardboard jungle". What is that place?

4. How did they know they were in the right place, according to their plan?

Chapter 9

1. What does Bud compare an "idea" to?

2. What is Bud's big idea seed?

3. What do you think an idea is?

Chapter 10

1. What different comparisons was Bud making about the areas of Flint while he was walking?

2. Bud encounters a man. The man picks Bud up in his car. Would you have gotten in the car?

3. With what Bud finds on the cooler in the back seat. What job do you think this man has?

Chapter II

1. What did the blood end up being for?

2. Was your prediction right about what was in the cooler?

3. When Bud wakes up after falling asleep in the car, where was he? Was he scared, calm?

4. What do you think he thought of the place? Do you have any ideas on why he would be there?

Chapter 12

1. When writing a telegram, what does "stop" mean?

2. Do we still communicate through telegrams today?

3. How has communication evolved?

4. How does the book describe what the word "union" means?

5. Who is HEC?

6. When HEC receives the telegram, how do you think he is going to react to finding out he has a son?

Chapter 13

1. How did Herman react?

2. What did the band decide to do with Bud?

3. What did the band member mean when he said it was his "bread and butter", when he asked Bud to carry the case?

Chapter 14

1. Who is Miss Thomas?

2. What has happened to Bud, that hasn't happened to him in a long time?

3. Do you think Miss Thomas is going to play a role in Bud's new life? Why do you think that? Use a quote from this chapter to support your thinking!

Chapter 15

1. What do you suspect that Miss Thomas and Herman were yelling about? How do you know?

2. What happened after their argument that supports your answer to number 1?

Chapter 16

1. What were the 2 gifts that Bud received from Steady?

2. What is the bands name? How did the band get its name? What does it mean?

Chapter 17

1. What does each member of the band do/ what instruments do they play?

2. How does Bud describe the music and the singing?

Chapter 18

1. What did Bud notice about HEC's rocks?

2. Who is HEC to Bud? What are the details that made you draw that conclusion?

Chapter 19

1. Why was HEC so surprised and crying when Bud showed him the rocks he had?

2. How did the rocks come to be? Why was there writing on them?

3. What was so special about the other gift that Steady gave Bud?

Book Summarization

1. What can we now assume was the reason that Bud's mother kept the flyers, that Bud now has in his suitcase?

2. Where did we start in the story and where did we end? Don't just think physically where we are geographically, but also emotionally. What have we learned?

3. What real world events were happening in the 1930s, where this book takes place?

4. If you could add one more chapter to Bud's story. What are some details that you would add?
