

Bud, Not Buddy  
Chapters 1 and 2

1. Do you think Bud and Jerry truly feel "cheerful, helpful and grateful" to be going to foster homes? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why do you think that Bud's eyes don't cry anymore? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why does Bud think six is a tough age \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why does Bud think the man in the flyer is his father \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How does Todd get Bud into trouble with Mrs. Amos? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How do you think Bud feels about Todd lying? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Why won't Mrs. Amos let Bud take his suitcase with him into the shed? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Why does Bud have to bite his tongue when he gets into the shed? \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter 3 and 4

1. How does Bud feel about being locked in the shed? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why does Bud attack the hornet nest? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why does Bud sneak into the Amos house? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why does Bud want to get the gun out of the house before he takes his  
revenge? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How does Bud take revenge on Todd? \_\_\_\_\_

6. How do you think Bud feels as he leaves the Amos house with his suitcase?  
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Chapters 5 and 6

1. How does Bud feel about "being on the lam"? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What does Bud think about the way his mother looks in the picture he carries of her? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How did Bud's mother feel about the name Bud? What was her intention for naming him Bud? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What do you think Bud's mother meant when she told him, "When one door closes, don't worry, because another door opens"? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Describe how Bud's pretend momma and daddy treat him. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How do the people in line feel about the rich, white family in the picture that hangs over the mission building? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How do you think Bud feels as he watches his pretend family walk away without him. Explain: why do you think he feels this way? \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapters 7 and 8

1. How is the smell in the library unlike the air anywhere else? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. According to Bud, what does the phrase, "Haven't you heard?" usually mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How do you think Bud feels when he hears that Ms. Hill has moved away? Explain: Why do you think he feels this way? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What does the man in Hooverville mean when he says that President Hoover worked so hard to make sure every town had a Hooverville that it seemed criminal to call it anything else? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Why do you think Bud opens up to Deza Malone and tells her about his mother? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Why do you think the white people in Hooverville won't accept help from others? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What does Deza mean by saying that the poor kids all alone on the road are like dust in the wind? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What is the trick that Bud uses to help himself fall asleep? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Why do you think the police try to prevent the men from getting on the train? \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter 9 and 10

1. Why do you think the librarian is so nice to Bud? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why does Bud think ideas are like trees? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How does the idea that Herman E. Calloway is Bud's father blossom? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why do you think Bud ducks into the bushes when a car passes? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. According to Bud's rule number 87, what does it really mean when adults tell you they need help with a problem? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Why does Bud lie to Mr. Lewis and tell him that he is from Grand Rapids? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Why do you think Mr. Lewis stops to help Bud when so many cars passed without stopping for him? \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter 11

1. Why does Bud pay close attention to the way Mr. Lewis drives a car? \_\_\_\_\_

2. According to Bud's rule number 29, what should you do when you wake up but aren't sure where you are? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why does Bud think its different to lie to a kid than to lie to an adult? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the difference between a Pullman porter and a redcap? \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 12

1. Why does Mr. Lewis send a telegram to Herman E. Calloway? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why does Bud count to ten as the policeman talks to Mr. Lewis? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why does Mr. Lewis want Bud to put the box under the seat before the policeman comes over to the car? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How do you think Bud feels when he realizes that Herman E. Calloway is very old? \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 13 and 14

1. How do you think Herman E. Calloway and Jimmy feel when they hear Bud's

announcement? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How do you think Bud feels when Jimmy invites him to come to the Sweet Pea to

eat ? What makes you say that? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why does Jimmy continue to tease Bud? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why do you think Bud begins to cry and cannot stop? What makes you say this?

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Chapter 15 and 16

1. Why does Herman E. Calloway call his house the Grand Calloway Station? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why do you think that Herman E. Calloway doesn't like Bud? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What does Bud consider more important, the suitcase or the items inside the suitcase? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Describe how you think Bud feels when Steady Eddie gives him a recorder? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How do you think Bud likes the new name given to him by the band? \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter 17 and 18

1. Do you feel that the band members are prejudice against white people ? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why do you think Bud wants to show Herman E. Calloway the rocks his mother

gave him? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Describe two emotions that Bud feels when he learns that Herman E. Calloway is his grandfather. Explain why Bud has these two feelings

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Chapter 19

1. Why do you think Herman E. Calloway locks himself into the room after he finds out that Bud is his grandson?\_\_\_\_\_

2. Explain why Mr. Calloway never got in touch with Bud and his mother.\_\_\_\_\_

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3. In your opinion, why does Bud go into Herman E. Calloway's room and put the rocks and flyers on his dresser?\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why does Bud say that the squeaks and squawks of his saxophone were the closing of one door and the opening of another door ?

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