

Bud, Not Buddy

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SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS -

Chapter 1

1. What good news did Bud and Jerry get?
2. According to Bud, did he have a better foster family assignment than Jerry did? Explain.
3. Why is six a tough age?
4. What was printed on the blue flyer? Why was it special?

Chapter 2

1. Identify Todd Amos.
2. What promise did Mr. and Mrs. Amos break?
3. What warnings did Todd give Bud about the shed?

Chapter 3

1. What were the door knob guards in the shed?
2. How did “Bugs” get his nickname?
3. What was the vampire bat?
4. Why did Bud get mad after he got out of the shed?

Chapter 4

1. Why was the first part of Bud's revenge plan to get the gun out of the way?
2. What was part two of Bud's revenge plan?

Chapter 5

1. Where did Bud go when he left the Amoses?
2. What did Bud's use of his blanket tell us about him?
3. Why was Momma unhappy in the picture taken at the Miss B. Gotten Moon Park?
4. What did Momma tell Bud about his name?
5. What did Momma tell Bud about doors?

Chapter 6

1. Who was Clarence?
2. What did Bud's pretend mother and daddy do that annoyed him?
3. What did the sign hanging over the building at the mission say?

Chapter 7

1. What happened to Miss Hill, the librarian?
2. What did the other librarian show Bud?
3. What did Bud know about the library door's closing?

Chapter 8

1. Who attacked Bud under the tree at the library?
2. What did Bugs and Bud decide to do?
3. Why was “Hooperville” so hard to find?
4. How did Bugs rig the coin toss?
5. How did “Hooverville” get its name?
6. What kind of welcome did the boys get at Hooverville?
7. What promise did the Hooverville woman make to Bud when she told him to leave his bags while he did the dishes? Did she keep the promise?
8. Who was Deza Malone?
9. What was Bud’s reply when Deza said, “. . . But you have been staying in an orphanage”?
10. Why did Shenandoah remind Deza of her mother and father?
11. Why did Deza feel sorry for the people with the sick baby?
12. Why did Bud start wondering if going to California was the right thing to do?
13. What did the smell of Bud’s blanket remind him of?
14. Why did Bud try to fall asleep before Momma was done reading the story at night?
15. What caused Bud to jump straight up and bang his head on the top of the shack?
16. Why did Bud miss the train?

17. Why did the police try to stop the people from getting on the train?

18. What happened to Hooverville?

19. What good things came out of Bud's trip to Hooverville?

20. What did Bud realize about the names Caldwell and Calloway?

Chapter 9

1. Where did Bud go after breakfast at the mission? Why?

2. Why did Bud like Civil War books?

3. How are ideas like seeds?

4. How did Bud get the idea that Herman E. Calloway might be his father?

5. Why did Bud decide to walk across the state of Michigan from Flint to Grand Rapids?

Chapter 10

1. What kid-like thing did Bud do when he came to the sign that marked the city limits of Flint?

2. How did the man know that Bud was from Flint and was hungry?

3. Why did Bud tell the man he had run away from Grand Rapids?

4. Why did Bud try to drive away the man's car?

Chapter 11

1. Why did Bud say that it's terrible to have been brought up proper?
2. Why did Bud insist on seeing the man's teeth?
3. Who was Lefty Lewis?
4. How did Bud know he was going to be safe?
5. Why did Bud sleep so well in the car and through that first night with Mr. Lewis?
6. Why did Bud pretend to still be asleep even though he was awake?
7. Who was Mrs. Sleet?
8. What was Bud's reason for thinking it was okay to lie to an adult but not to a kid?
9. How was mealtime at the Sleet's house different from mealtime at the home?
10. Who were "redcaps"?

Chapter 12

1. How is a telegram different from a regular letter?
2. Why did the policeman stop Lefty and search the car?
3. Why did Bud at first say he didn't think he needed to see what was in the box in Lefty's car?
4. What was in the box in Lefty's car the day the policeman stopped him?

5. Why would the workers go on a “sit down” strike instead of a regular strike?
6. Why didn’t Bud want Mr. Lewis to talk to Herman E. Calloway?
7. Why did Lefty tell Bud to come see him if he decided to travel again?
8. What immediate proof did Bud get that HEC was his father? What words did he use?
9. What made Bud’s “maple tree” shake in the wind?
10. Why did Bud think he wasn’t a “regular kid”?

Chapter 13

1. What was Bud’s first impression of Herman E. Calloway?
2. Match the person with their instrument.

___ Doug “The Thug” Tennant	A. trombone
___ “Steady” Eddie Patrick	B. piano
___ Chug “Doo-Doo-Bug” Cross	C. drums
___ Roy “Dirty Deed” Breed	D. saxophone
3. Why did Bud slap his hand over his mouth?
4. Why was Steady Eddie Bud’s favorite?
5. Identify Sweet Pea.

Chapter 14

1. Who is Miss Thomas?
2. What hit Bud as hard as Snaggletooth MacNevin had smacked Herman E. Calloway?
3. What did Bud decide when he realized that this is where he was supposed to be?
4. Why did Bud cry?

Chapter 15

1. What was Grand Calloway Station?
2. What scared Bud the most when Miss Thomas showed him his room?
3. What warning did Herman E. Calloway give Bud about snooping around the house?
4. What was Bud's reaction to Herman E. Calloway's warning?

Chapter 16

1. Why did Bud's eyes get all sting-y when he looked at his clothes in the morning?
2. Why did Bud make so much noise when he came downstairs?
3. What did the band, Mr. Calloway and Miss Thomas decide about Bud while he slept that first night?

4. What did Steady Eddie give Bud? What might it symbolize?

5. What name did Bud get? Why?

Chapter 17

1. Why was Herman E. Calloway doing a bad job of making Bud work like a dog?

2. What did Bud say the band should be called?

Chapter 18

1. What were the band members' favorite things to do, according to Bud?

2. What was the answer to Bud's question, "Why does he always keep one white guy in the band?"

3. What unhappy news did Bud get when he was packing up at the Laughing Jackass?

4. What finally convinced Herman E. Calloway that Bud might be his relative?