Bud, Not Buddy: Chapters 1-4

Review

1. List two reasons why Bud entered the Amos house once he was free from the shed.

2. What news did the caseworker bring to Bud Caldwell and Jerry Clark?

3. Why did Bud feel that age six was "a bad time"?

4. In what way did Bud get his revenge?

5. Describe the family Jerry was going to live with.

6. What did Bud see hanging from the top of the dark shed?

7. Why was Bud an orphan?

8. List three items Bud stored in this suitcase as he prepared to leave the home.

9. Why did Bud correct the caseworker when she called him "Buddy"?

10. What medical condition did Todd Amos have?

11. How did Bud manage to see outside?

12. Where was Bud living as the novel began?
13. How old was Bud?

14. Why was it so dark inside the shed?

15. How did Bud escape the shed?

16. Describe the Amos family, who had agreed to take Bud.

17. Why did Mr. and Mrs. Amos lock Bud up in their shed overnight?

18. Why did the Amos family decide to take Bud back to the Home?

19. What did the bat turn out to be?

20. How did Bud manage to knock down the vampire bat?
Bud, Not Buddy: Chapters 1-4

Bud Caldwell memorized many "Rules and Things for Having a Funner Life and Making a Better Liar Out of Yourself." Look back through Chapters 1, 2, and 3 and decide which of his rules relates to your life. Write down the rule and then explain why it has meaning to you.
Answer Key

1. Bud wanted to get his suitcase from their kitchen and he wanted to get revenge on Todd.
2. She told them each had been accepted in a new temporary-care home.
3. Grownups didn’t think children were cute at age six and also their teeth start falling out at that age.
4. Bud poured a jar of warm water over Todd’s pants while he was asleep so that Todd wet his bed.
5. Jerry was going to live with a family that had three little girls.
6. a vampire bat
7. His mother died when he was six and he never knew his father.
8. a blanket, flyers, and a set of clothes
9. His mother had given him the name Bud, not Buddy.
10. He had asthma.
11. He used his jackknife and scraped a hole big enough to look out.
12. He was living in a home for orphaned children.
13. 10
14. Mr. Amos had pasted newspapers on the windows.
15. He jumped on a woodpile and jerked the handles of the window so that it opened.
16. They had one boy, aged twelve.
17. They feared Bud would try and hurt one of them while they slept.
18. They believed Bud had beaten up their son Todd.
19. a huge hornet’s nest.
20. He swung a rake at it and batted it down.
Bud, Not Buddy: chapters 5-8

Complete.

Review
1. Why did Bud end up sleeping outside the library, beneath the trees?

2. Where was Bud planning to go after leaving the Amos house?

3. How did Bud know Bugs?

4. What problem did men and boys encounter the next morning as they tried to hop the freight train?

5. Who was Bud looking for at the library?

6. Did Bud hop on the freight train?

7. Where did Bud and Bugs have to go to catch a freight train?

8. Who discovered Bud as he slept behind the library's trees?

9. Why had so many old and young men gathered in Hooverville?

10. What did Bud's mama always tell her son about doors closing?

11. What did Bud learn about Miss Hill?

12. Describe the five special rocks Bud always carried with him, since his mother's death.
13. Why were they all planning to go west?

14. Did Bugs hop on the freight train?

15. Why did the cops give up and leave?

16. Why did Bud know that the Amos family had snooped through his suitcase?

17. What did Bud and Bugs decide to do?

18. Where was Bud planning to eat breakfast the next morning?

19. Why did Bud almost miss breakfast?

20. Where did Bud go after breakfast at the mission?
Bud, Not Buddy: chapters 5-8

Write a paragraph describing Hooverville. Include details of sight, sound, and smell.
1. Someone had placed steel bars over all the windows.
2. He had planned to slip inside the library.
3. Bugs had stayed at the home with Bud.
4. There were four cop cars and eight cops waiting for them.
5. Miss Hill
6. no
7. Hooverville
8. Bugs
9. They were all planning to hop on a slow-moving freight train heading west.
10. "When one door closes, another one opens."
11. She got married and moved to Chicago.
12. They each had a town and three sets of numbers written on them.
13. There were no jobs around Michigan and they had heard there were jobs out west.
14. yes
15. The cops were so outnumbered they felt it useless to try and stop them.
16. Bud always folded his blanket but he found it just stuffed and also the drawstring to his old tobacco bag was pulled.
17. They made plans to hop a freight train to Chicago.
18. at the mission
19. Bud overslept and arrived at the mission fifteen minutes after the line closed.
20. He went inside the library.
Review
1. According to Mrs. Sleet, what's a redcap?

2. What was Herman Calloway doing when Bud entered the club?

3. What kind of book did Bud ask the librarian for?

4. How did the man successfully lure Bud out from hiding?

5. Why did Lefty Lewis send a telegram to the Log Cabin?

6. Where did Mr. Lewis take Bud?

7. What happened to Bud just outside of Owasso, Michigan, at 2:30 in the morning?

8. What question did Kim ask Bud after singing her song?

9. What were the names of Mrs. Sleet's children?

10. What story did Mr. Lewis give the police to explain Bud's suitcase in the back seat?

11. Why did Bud decide to go to Grand Rapids?

12. Where did Bud and Mr. Lewis eat breakfast once they reached Flint?
13. Who was a redcap?

14. What was the man's explanation for the blood?

15. What caused Bud to become so frightened that he locked the kind man out of his own car and then tried to drive off?

16. Describe the papers Bud found inside Mr. Lewis's box.

17. What instructions did Mr. Lewis give Bud just before the policeman approached his car?

18. What did Mrs. Sleet's husband do for a living?

19. Where had Bud gotten the idea that his father was the professional musician, Herman Calloway, of Grand Rapids?

20. What did Bud imagine the man to be?
Bud, Not Buddy: Chapters 9-12
Do you think it's all right for Bud to make up so many lies? Explain why you agree or disagree.
1. She told Bud redcaps were men who worked at the railroad, loading trains and taking people’s bags to their cars.
2. He was practicing with his band.
3. He asked her for the book that told how far it was from one city to another.
4. The man offered Bud a baloney sandwich, an apple, and red pop.
5. He knew Herman Calloway owned it and he wanted to let Calloway know that his son, Bud, was fine.
6. He took Bud to Herman Calloway’s club, the Log Cabin.
7. A man spotted Bud and stopped to offer him a ride.
8. She asked him how his mother died.
9. Scott and Kim
10. He told the policeman that Bud was his grandson and he was taking him back home.
11. He thought his father, Herman Calloway, lived there.
12. They ate at the home of Mr. Lewis’s daughter, Mrs. Sleet.
13. Mr. Lewis
14. He told Bud he was taking the blood to Hurley Hospital in Flint.
15. Bud noticed a big box in the front seat with large letters that read: "Urgent: Contains Human Blood!"
16. They were papers announcing a labor union meeting for railroad workers.
17. Bud was to take the box next to Mr. Lewis and place it underneath his own seat.
18. He was a porter who traveled with the trains across the country.
19. Bud’s mother had left behind several flyers showing Herman Calloway posed with different jazz bands.
20. a vampire
Bud, Not Buddy: Chapters 13-16

Complete.

Review

1. What two gifts did Steady Eddie present to Bud?

2. Why did Mr. Calloway nickname his house "Grand Calloway Station"?

3. What kind of impression did Bud get about Herman after listening to his band members talk?

4. When Mr. Calloway left Bud's table, who sat in his place?

5. What was the realization that came to Bud by the end of the meal?

6. What did Jimmy convince Herman to do?

7. What time did Bud wake up the next morning?

8. What was Steady Eddie's "bread and butter"?

9. How did the circle of musicians react when Bud pointed his finger at Herman Calloway and told him he was his father?

10. What hurting words did Herman whisper to Bud on his way out?

11. What did Bud learn about Herman Calloway from Miss Thomas?
12. Who was Miss Thomas?

13. What musical skill did Steady Eddie teach Bud during supper at the Sweet Pea?

14. What nickname did the band members give Bud?

15. What was kept in the closets?

16. How were the walls of Bud's guest bedroom decorated?

17. How did Herman react to Bud's accusation?

18. Once Bud and the band arrived at the Sweet Pea restaurant, where did Bud sit?

19. What did Bud have to promise to tell Herman after eating?

20. What instrument did Jimmy play?
Bud, Not Buddy: Chapters 13-16
If you were Bud, how would you go about proving that Mr. Calloway was your father?

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Answer Key

1. An old saxophone case and a recorder
2. There were so many different people in and out of it at all hours of the day or night; it reminded Mr. Calloway of Grand Central Station in New York City.
3. He thought Herman was mean and cold.
4. Steady Eddie
5. He realized that this was where he was supposed to be.
6. He convinced Herman to let Bud stay until their rehearing was done, and then they'd all head over to the Sweet Pea for food.
7. noon
8. his saxophone
9. The entire circle got quiet.
10. "You've got the rest of them fooled, but not me. There's something about you I don't like."
11. He learned that Calloway was famous and known all over the state of Michigan.
12. She was the vocal stylist for the band.
13. He taught Bud how to play a pretend saxophone.
14. Sleepy LaBone
15. Old girl's clothes and toys
16. They were covered with thumb tacked pictures of horses.
17. He became upset and didn't believe Bud.
18. He sat at a table with Herman, Jimmy, and Miss Thomas.
19. Bud had to tell him the truth.
20. a horn
Bud, Not Buddy: Chapters 17-19

Complete.

Review

1. Why did Herman Calloway become so upset upon hearing the name Angela Janet Caldwell?

2. Who legally owns Calloway’s Log Cabin club?

3. Why did Bud pull his rocks from his own saxophone case?

4. What did Bud discover in the glove compartment of Mr. Calloway’s Packard?

5. What item did Mr. Calloway ask Bud to pick up for him while preparing to leave the Laughing Jackass?

6. What instrument did Mr. Herman Calloway play?

7. When was Bud going to get his first saxophone lesson?

8. What stopped Bud from taking the picture from his suitcase in the bedroom?

9. What was the name of Bud’s mother?

10. How did Mr. Calloway think Bud had gotten the rocks?

11. What metaphor did Bud use to describe Miss Thomas’s singing voice?

12. Why didn’t Mr. Calloway ever visit his daughter Angela and grandson Bud?
13. How did Miss Thomas explain the rocks Mr. Calloway collected?

14. What were the two unfair facts, concerning African American musicians, which Bud learned on the band's ride to Mecosta?

15. Who was his instructor going to be?

16. Why was Dirty Deed happy to play for Mr. Calloway?

17. What made each of the rocks unusual?

18. Before going back downstairs with his mother's picture, what did Bud try to do?

19. What surprise did Eddie bring to the house for Bud?

20. Explain the "deal" Mr. Calloway offered his white clients after showing up to play.
Bud, Not Buddy: Chapters 17-19
Why do you think Mr. Calloway was so stubborn in accepting Bud? Do you think their relationship changed once he realized Bud was his only grandson?
1. It was his daughter's name and he realized that she was dead.
2. Dirty Deed
3. He wanted to prove to Mr. Calloway that he also had some special dated rocks.
4. Bud found a bunch of perfect throwing rocks.
5. a rock
6. He played a giant fiddle, or cello.
7. that very night, at 7:00.
8. Bud found Mr. Calloway sitting in his bedroom crying.
9. Angela Janet Caldwell
10. He thought Bud had stolen them from his house.
11. She was "the sun bursting through thick, gray clouds."
12. Mr. Calloway knew nothing about Bud and no one knew where Janet went.
13. Whenever his band traveled he always brought back a rock for his daughter.
14. He learned that African Americans couldn't own property and also that white folks would never hire Mr. Calloway's Dusky Devastators if they knew they were a Negro band.
15. Steady Eddie
16. There was a depression going on and yet Mr. Calloway's band was doing very well.
17. Each rock had a city and date inscribed on it.
18. He tried to console Mr. Calloway.
19. an alto saxophone
20. He'd tell his clients if his band wasn't the best they'd ever heard, he'd return their money.
Bud, Not Buddy

Complete.

Review

1. ______  How old was Bud?
   A. 7
   B. 10
   C. 13
   D. 15.

2. ______  Why did Bud's mother run away from home?
   A. She wanted to join the circus.
   B. Her mother was too strict.
   C. Her father was too strict.
   D. She wanted to be an actress.

3. ______  What is the time setting for the book?
   A. 1870's
   B. 1950's
   C. 1930's
   D. 1990's

4. ______  Which two characters were band members?
   A. Bugs and Mr. Jimmy
   B. Steady Eddie and Herman Calloway
   C. Deza Malone and Miss Thomas
   D. Lefty Lewis and Thug

5. ______  What musical instrument did members of the band purchase for Bud?
   A. A trumpet
   B. A set of drums
   C. A saxophone
   D. A guitar

6. ______  How was Bud related to Herman Calloway?
   A. He was Calloway's cousin
   B. He was Calloway's son
   C. He was Calloway's grandson
   D. He was Calloway's nephew

7. ______  Who stuck a sharpened pencil up Bud's nose while he slept?
   A. Mr. Lewis
   B. Todd Amos
   C. Bugs
   D. Scott Sleet

8. ______  What two items provided proof that Bud was related to Mr. Calloway?
   A. Some rocks and a picture
   B. A Bible and a watch
C. Some letters and a book
D. A ring and a watch

9. _______ Where did Bud keep his valuable possessions?
   A. In a tin box
   B. In an old suitcase
   C. In an old book bag
   D. In his shoe lining

10. _______ What were Bud's original plans after running away from the Amos family?
    A. He'd get a job at the library.
    B. He'd hop a freight train to Chicago.
    C. He'd return to the Home.
    D. He'd hitch hike to New York
Answer Key

1. (B)
2. (C)
3. (C)
4. (B)
5. (C)
6. (C)
7. (B)
8. (A)
9. (B)
10. (B)