

Family Fun Pack



Triple Pet Trouble
by Megan McDonald
illustrated by Erwin Madrid



Read Aloud Tips For Families

- ✓ **Make reading a priority** – Determine a regular reading time. Treat it like an appointment that needs to be kept. Bedtime? Breakfast? Bath time? Make it part of your daily routine. Everyone will look forward to this special time!
- ✓ **Explore the illustrations** – Identify things by color. Find favorite animals and objects. Count countable things. Look for something new in a favorite book.
- ✓ **Ask questions** – “What color is the hat?” “Can you find a red horse?” “What do you think will happen next?” Don’t let the questions stop the flow of the story, but a few questions can help keep a listener engaged.
- ✓ **Kids can ask questions, too** – Build on your child’s natural curiosity. Use a book as an invitation to learn more.
- ✓ **Play *Finish the Rhyme*** – When reading rhyming books, stop before the last word and let your child fill it in. Dr. Seuss is great for this game, especially with a book you have read multiple times. “*I do not like them in a house. I do not like them with a...?*”
- ✓ **Be silly** – Use funny voices and sound effects to make stories come alive.
- ✓ **Vary your rhythm** – *Slow down* to build suspense. *Pause* to let meaning or impact settle. *Whisper* when it’s sensitive.
- ✓ **Be alert for literacy opportunities beyond books** – Look for letters in the grocery store or on road signs. Make homemade books out of family photos, labeling them with names of people and places. Play rhyming games and sing silly songs. Make up stories together during bath time or meals.

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Take a trip to your local public library and get library cards for the whole family.

Retell a favorite part of the story using toys or make paper dolls for the characters.

Read a book that has been made into a movie.

Hot Seat!
Pretend to be a character from the book and let someone interview you.

Check out more fun!



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Make a special place in your home for bedtime books.

Design a new cover for the book.

Find a picture book biography at the library and learn about someone new.

Find a nonfiction book at the library about Venus flytraps or pitcher plants and read it together.

Decorate a big bag to be your library bag.

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As a family, write the next chapter for Judy and Stink.

Get out of your house and read outside together!



Get your whole family to read together in your pajamas!

Host a neighborhood pet parade. Stuffed animals are welcome too!

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Write a letter to Megan McDonald. Her information is on the Connection Guide.

Go on a field trip together, like Judy and Toady did.

Play charades!
Reenact a scene from *Triple Pet Trouble* without using any words.

Make lemonade with your family. If you can, host your own lemonade stand!

Recommend *Triple Pet Trouble* to a friend and share 5 reasons they should read it.

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Make bookmarks together!

Tell your teacher about another favorite book.

Draw a picture of your favorite character.

Designate a basket or bag for books to take in the car when running errands or taking trips.

Share a picture of your family reading with [@readtothem](https://www.instagram.com/readtothem).





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Family Fun Card

What do you know?

1. What book does Judy read to Jaws?
2. Who says, "Mouse feels a great thirst coming on"?
3. What kind of pet does Amy Namey get?

What do you think?

There are SO many different kinds of pets in this book. Which one would you like to have? Why?

What can you do?

Make Your Own Pet

It might be fun to get a new pet, but taking care of a live animal (or plant!) is a big responsibility. Practice on a non-living friend first. You could paint a smooth stone to be your own pet rock, make a puppet from a paper sack or sock, or use a favorite stuffed animal. Take care of it like a living thing for a few days to practice being a responsible pet owner.

Answer Key

1. *Charlotte's Web*
2. Judy Moody
3. Sugar glider



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Guide**

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Next Book Connections

Books by author Megan McDonald

- The rest of the *Judy Moody and Friends* series
- The *Judy Moody* series
- The *Stink* series
- The *Judy Moody and Stink* series
- *Shoe Dog*
- *It's Picture Day Today!*
- *When the Library Lights Go Out*
- *The Hinky Pink*
- *Saving the Liberty Bell*

Books by illustrator Erwin Madrid

- The rest of the *Judy Moody and Friends* series

Books by illustrator Peter H. Reynolds (illustrator of *Judy Moody Was in a Mood*)

- *The Dot*
- *Ish*
- *Sky Color*
- *Be You*
- *Say Something*
- *Peace Train*
- *The Word Collector*

Picture Books on Similar Themes:

- *Bedtime for Sweet Creatures* by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon
- *A Pinky is a Baby Mouse* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, illustrated by Diane deGroat
- *Borrowing Bunnies* by Cynthia Lord, illustrated by John Bald and Hazel Mitchell
- *The Only Fish in the Sea* by Philip C. Stead, illustrated by Matthew Cordell
- *Move Over, Rover!* by Karen Beaumont, illustrated by Jane Dyer
- *Pet Show* by Ezra Jack Keats
- *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Taeun Yoo
- *Lemonade in Winter* by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by G. Brian Karas