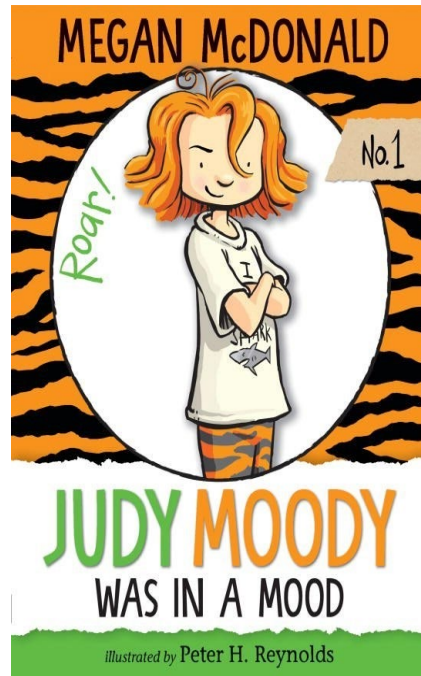


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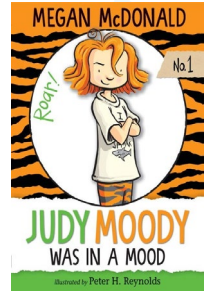


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Read Aloud Tips For Families

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- ✓ **Make reading time a priority** – Sit down as a family and decide on a daily reading time, and then consider it an appointment that needs to be kept. Some families might find that right before bed is the best time, but early risers might enjoy reading at breakfast. For younger listeners, bath time can be great! Build it into your daily routine and soon you will find that everyone is ready and waiting to hear what comes next in the story.
- ✓ **Show emotion that matches the story** – All of the books from **Read to Them** capture a range of emotions over the course of the story. When reading aloud, mirroring the emotions felt by the characters will make the story more meaningful to your listener.
- ✓ **Vary your rhythm** – Have fun with the language in your book. During suspenseful sections, *slow down* and let the suspense build. During a particularly meaningful moment, *pause* and let the impact settle. During emotion-packed scenes, drop your voice to a *whisper*. When you are reading aloud, you are performing the story. Authors don't want their stories performed in monotone!
- ✓ **Don't be afraid to be silly** – Accents, funny voices, and sound effects are all great tools to use to make reading aloud more engaging. Character-specific voices or mannerisms also help listeners follow the dialogue. It might be a challenge, but it's worth the effort to make your story come alive.
- ✓ **Stay engaged with your listener throughout your reading time** – Stop from time to time to explain an unfamiliar vocabulary word, discuss an important point, or ask your child to make a prediction. You don't want to derail the story too much, but you do want to make reading together interactive.
- ✓ **Expect some fidgeting** – Listening during reading time does not have to be a stationary activity. Some listeners will sit still as stones with eyes and ears fixed on you, and that's great. But other listeners stay more engaged with something in their hands like a small toy, some crayons, or a stuffed animal. Some children might listen better if allowed to walk around the room, or even bounce on the bed a bit. Work together to find the way that works best for your child.

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Use the [Connection Guide](#) to contact the author and let her know you're reading about Judy!

Buy a family plant. Research what would thrive best in your house. Care for it together.

Create a scrapbook page profile of one of the characters from the book.

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

Check out more fun!



I

Build a rainforest canopy fort and climb in for a family read!

Design a new cover for the book.

Have a family pajama day!

Take a "virtual" family field trip to D.C.

Go to your local public library and get library cards for the whole family.

N

Make a Mood Calendar and keep track of everyone's mood for a week.

Take a family walk and study the ground. See what you can find!



Find out more about two-toed sloths.

Have everyone in your family come to dinner dressed in their craziest outfit!

G

Make cheese pizza together tonight. Or treat yourselves and order your favorite!

Find a quote in the book that's worth being shared. Put it on a banner, poster, or t-shirt!

Play charades!
Reenact a scene from the book without using words.

Try out one of the activities in the [Family Fun Packet](#).

At dinner, ask every person in your family to share their favorite Judy Moody characteristic.

O

Make bookmarks together!

Take a family trip to a pet store, like Judy.

Write a letter to one of the characters in the book.

Look at a map of the United States. Find your state. How many other states you can name?

Share a picture of your family reading with [@readtothem](#).

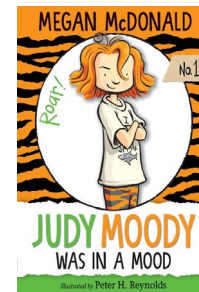




Family Fun Cards

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What do you know?

Why is Judy so very moody?

Why does Judy love Band-Aids so much?

What kind of pet does Judy end up getting?

What do you think?

“Two heads are better than one.” (p. 29) Judy says this when she and Rocky put their two \$1 bills together. This is a popular saying. Do you know where it came from? Do you think it’s true? How is it true in your family?

What can you do?

Make Your Own T-shirt

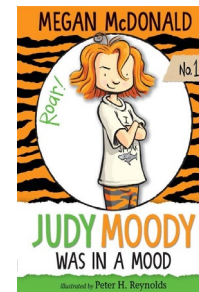
“She could not find one shirt with words.” (p. 5)

Judy is not excited about the first day of school, in part because everyone will show up with new T-shirts with words announcing the places they went over the summer. But Judy didn’t go anywhere exciting, so she doesn’t have a T-shirt to wear. Judy, being smart and creative, decides to make her own! You can too! Find an old white T-shirt and design your own first day of school shirt! What do you want it to say? Maybe everyone in your house can make one too!



Family Fun Cards
Pages 71-152

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What do you know?

What is Judy's favorite hobby?

What's the last thing Judy asks Frank when she visits his room?

What two states does Stink forget to put on his hat?

What do you think?

"I think my brain has a leak." (p. 105) Judy is trying to finish her **Me** collage but feels like she's run out of interesting things to say. Have you ever felt that way? What are some things you could do to recharge when you need to?

What can you do?

Who are YOU?

"That's it. Me. Judy Moody." (p. 146)

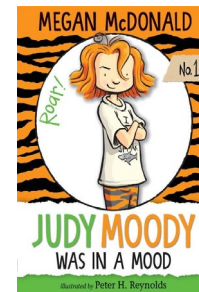
Judy and her class are asked to make **Me** collages for class and include things like: FAVORITE PET, WORST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED, HOBBIES, FUNNIEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED. Get your family together and see if you can create your own **We** collage together! Use some of Mr. Todd's ideas or come up with some of your own. What kinds of "favorites" will make your family's **We** collage unique?





Family Fun Cards Answer Key

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Why is Judy so very moody?

She doesn't want to go to school.

Why does Judy love Band-Aids so much?

She wants to be a doctor.

What kind of pet does Judy end up getting?

A Venus flytrap

Pages 72-152

What is Judy's favorite hobby?

She loves to collect things.

What's the last thing Judy asks Frank when she visits his room?

If he really eats paste

What two states does Stink forget to put on his hat?

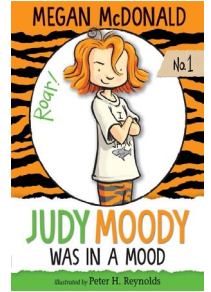
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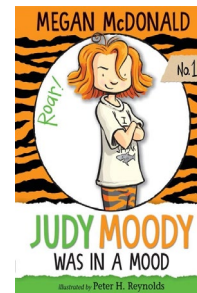
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Next Book Connections

If you loved *Judy Moody Was in a Mood*, here are some other books your family might enjoy reading together...

Sequels in the Judy Moody series:

- *Judy Moody Gets Famous!*
- *Judy Moody Saves the World!*
- *Judy Moody Predicts the Future*
- *Judy Moody, M.D.: The Doctor is In!*
- *Judy Moody Declares Independence*
- *Judy Moody Around the World in 8 1/2 Days*
- *Judy Moody Goes to College*

Picture books with similar themes:

- *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* – Kevin Henkes
- *Madeline* – Ludwig Bemelmans
- *Fancy Nancy Series* – Jane O'Connor
- *Eloise* – Kay Thompson
- *Alice's Magic Garden* – Henry L. Herz
- *Sophie Johnson, Unicorn Expert* – Morag Hood
- *Olivia* – Ian Falconer
- *Rosie Revere, Engineer* – Andrea Beaty
- *I Got the Rhythm* – Connie Schofield-Morrison
- *Unicorn is Not So Great After All* – Bob Shea

Novels with similar themes:

- *Lola Levine is Not Mean* – Monica Brown
- *Gooney Bird Greene* – Lois Lowry
- *Clementine* – Sara Pennypacker
- *Keena Ford and the Second Grade Mix-Up* – Melissa Thomson
- *Ways to Make Sunshine* – Renée Watson
- *Stella Diaz Has Something to Say* – Angela Dominguez
- *Matilda* – Roald Dahl
- *The Year of Billy Miller* – Kevin Henkes
- *El Deafo* – Cece Bell
- *The Year of the Dog* – Grace Lin
- *A Boy Called Bat* – Elana K. Arnold
- *Because of the Rabbit* – Cynthia Lord
- *The Ramona Collection* – Beverly Cleary
- *Junie B. Jones* – Barbara Park
- *Piper Reed, Navy Brat* – Kimberly Willis Holt
- *Amelia Bedelia Means Business* – Herman Parish
- *Pippi Longstocking* – Astrid Lindgren
- *Ivy and Bean Series* – Annie Barrows & Sophie Blackall
- *Miss Daisy is Crazy!* – Dan Gutman

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