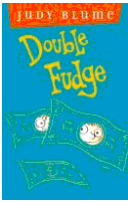


Passages

Reading Level 3



Title: Double Fudge

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Sample From The Book

When my brother Fudge was five, he discovered money in a big way. "Hey, Pete," he said one night as I was getting out of the shower. "How much would it cost to buy New York?"

"The city or the state?" I asked, as if it were a serious question.

"The state, but all the good stuff is in the city. People who don't live in the city might disagree, but I'm a city kind of guy."

"We live in the city, right?" Fudge said. He was sitting on the open toilet seat in his pajamas.

"You're not doing anything, are you?" I asked as I toweled myself dry.

"What do you mean, Pete?"

"I mean you're sitting on the toilet, and you haven't pulled down your pj's."

He swung his feet and started laughing. "Don't worry, Pete. Only Tootsie still poops in her pants." Tootsie is our little sister. She'll be two in February.

Fudge watched as I combed my wet hair. "Are you going someplace?" he asked.

"Yeah, to bed." I got into clean boxers and pulled a T-shirt over my head.



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