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A Bad Mood

Judy Moody did not want to give up summer. She did not feel like brushing her hair every day. She did not feel like memorizing spelling words. And she did not want to sit next to Frank Pearl, who ate paste, in class.

Judy Moody was in a mood.

Not a good mood. A bad mood. A mad-face mood. Even the smell of her new Grouchy pencils could not get her out of bed.

"First day of school!" sang her mother.

"Shake a leg and get dressed."

Judy Moody slunk down under the covers and put a pillow over her head.

"Judy? Did you hear me?"

"ROAR!" said Judy.

She would have to get used to a new desk and a new classroom. Her new desk would not have an armadillo sticker with her name on it, like her old one last year. Her new classroom would not have a porcupine named Roger.

And with her luck, she'd get stuck sitting in the first row, where Mr. Todd could see every time she tried to pass a note to her best friend, Rocky.

Mom poked her head inside Judy's room

again. "And think about brushing that hair, okay?"

One of the worst things about the first day of school was that everybody came back from summer wearing new T-shirts that said DISNEY WORLD or SEA WORLD or JAMESTOWN: Home of Pocahontas. Judy searched her top drawer and her bottom drawer and even her underwear drawer. She could not find one shirt with words.

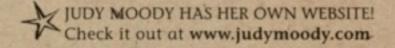
She wore her tiger-striped pajama pants on the bottom and a plain old no-words T-shirt on top.

"She's wearing pajamas!" said her brother, Stink, when she came downstairs. "You can't wear pajamas to school!" ★"It's hard to imagine a mood Judy couldn't improve.".
—Publishers Weekly (starred review)



Judy Moody doesn't have high hopes for third grade. Her new desk won't have an armadillo sticker. Her new classroom will not have a porcupine named Roger. And with her luck, she'll get stuck sitting in the first row, where Mr. Todd will notice every time she tries to pass a note to her best friend, Rocky. On the positive side, Judy does have a little brother who comes in handy for practicing doctor stuff, she gets a cool new pet, and she has a huge Band-Aid collection. She also has a lot of individuality and attitude, and when Mr. Todd assigns a very special class project, she gets a chance to really express herself!

"Judy Moody rules." - FamilyFun Magazine





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