



The One in the Middle Is the  
**GREEN  
KANGAROO**



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Freddy Dissel had two problems. One was his older brother Mike. The other was his younger sister Ellen. Freddy thought a lot about being the one in the middle. But there was nothing he could do about it. He felt like the peanut butter part of a sandwich, squeezed between Mike and Ellen.



Every year Mike got new clothes. He grew too big for his old ones. But Mike's old clothes weren't too small for Freddy. They fit him just fine.





Freddy used to have a room of his own. That was before Ellen was born. Now Ellen had a room of *her* own. Freddy moved in with Mike. Mom and Dad said, "It's the boys' room." But they couldn't fool Freddy. He knew better!



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Lately second-grader Freddy Dissel has that left-out kind of feeling. Life can be lonely when you're the middle kid in the family and you feel like "the peanut butter part of a sandwich," squeezed between an older brother and a little sister. But now for the first time it's Freddy's chance to show everyone how special he is and, most of all, prove it to himself!

"The message is direct and simple . . . smoothly executed and amusing."  
—*Booklist*

*The One in the Middle Is the Green Kangaroo* is **Judy Blume's** first published book. It has proven to be a perennial favorite. Judy Blume's many books include *The Pain and the Great One* and *Freckle Juice*, available in Yearling editions. Judy Blume lives in New York City.

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