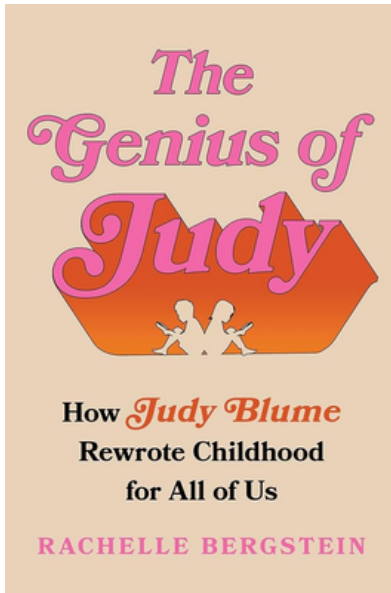


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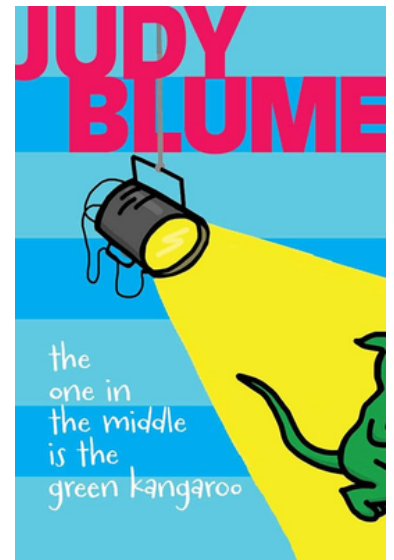


Judy Blume's bibliography includes books for both children and adults, it is her stories of elementary school antics and adolescent angst that has earned her place in literary history. Blume would often pull from her own life including her experiences of adolescents as well as the personalities and opinion of her children. With Blume as the focus of both of our book of the month picks our corresponding creative project had to be writing inspired!



Regardless of your age you probably have a fond, funny or frightening story of your childhood worthy of documentation. Take a moment to reflect and select a favorite memory to base a short story on. This may be autobiographical, or a tale loosely based on your own life. Don't feel like a strong writer? Consider adding illustrations to shorter blocks of texts like Blume's three picture and story books.

Don't forget to share your project with us using #LymanAllynAtHome on social media.



October Book of the Month

Our pick for our young readers is Blume's first ever published book, "The One in the Middle is a Green Kangaroo." Readers will enter the world of Freddy Dissel, a second grader feeling lonely as the middle child of his family looking for a way to prove himself.

For our adult readers, "The Genius of Judy: How Judy Blume Rewrote Childhood for All of Us" by Rachelle Bergstein will tap into our own nostalgia of reading Blume's books while providing an intimate and expansive look behind the scenes. Blume didn't intend to be considered revolutionary, but through her desire to tell honest stories her books have remained a staple on bookshelves for decades after being published.