

Student Reader











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Unit One ACCEPTANCE



Freckle Juice

by Judy Blume





Andrew

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Chapter I











Andrew wanted freckles. If he had freckles, his mother









would never know if his neck was dirty. He sat behind









Nicky who had freckles, and Andrew thought they were great.







Sometimes he would try to count Nicky's freckles, or he









would daydream about freckles. Then he would forget to pay



attention in class.





Andrew wanted freckles.







Andrew asked Nicky how he got his freckles. Nicky told









him that you get born with them! Sharon told Andrew she







had a secret recipe for freckle juice, but it would cost







Andrew fifty cents. Andrew was sure there was no such thing



as freckle juice.





Andrew wanted freckles.











Andrew could not sleep that night thinking about freckle





juice. Maybe there was such a thing, and it was so secret







his parents did not know about it. Although fifty cents was









a lot of money, Andrew took five dimes from his bank and



hurried to school.





Andrew wanted freckles.







Sharon would not give him the recipe until she had









the money. He tried to pass a note to Sharon, but the









teacher told him to bring it to her. Luckily, she did not





read it in front of the class.





Andrew wanted freckles.









Andrew rushed home and found all the ingredients:









grape juice, vinegar, ketchup, mustard, lemon, onion, olive juice,







mayonnaise, salt and pepper. Then he mixed them all together.







He **substituted** olive oil for the olive juice, but he thought that









would not change the results. The concoction smelled so bad









he had to hold his nose while he drank it down fast. Andrew









looked in the mirror and waited for the recipe to work.





Andrew wanted freckles.











When Andrew's mother got home, Andrew was sick. He









had turned green, and his mother almost took him to the









hospital. After she saw the mess in the kitchen, she gave







him medicine and sent him to bed.





Andrew was sick.









Andrew missed school the next day. He had crazy









dreams about a green monster making him drink disgusting



things. There were still no freckles.







His mother told him he had to go to school the next









day. Andrew knew Sharon would laugh at him because he had



no freckles. He had to do something.











Andrew took a blue magic marker with him to school









and drew freckles all over his face. When he got to class,





all the students were giggling.









The teacher called Andrew to her desk and told him









she had a secret formula for removing freckles. He took the







formula and went to the bathroom. He had to use it four





times, but it worked.





Andrew didn't want freckles anymore.







When Andrew got back to class, Miss Kelly told him









he looked better without freckles. Nicky asked if he could use









the secret formula, too, because he hated his freckles. Andrew







could not believe what he was hearing! The teacher said they



both looked good just the way they were.

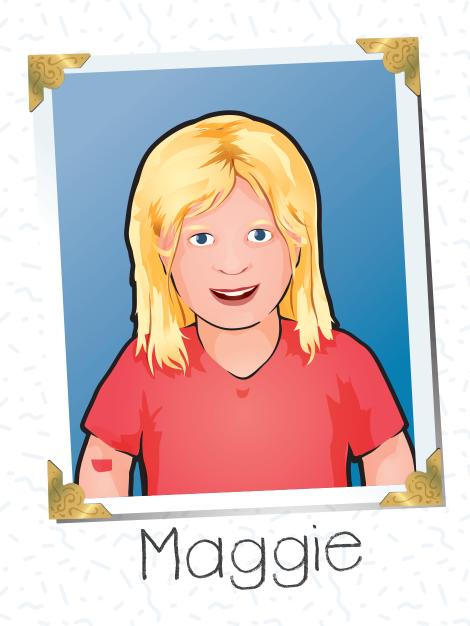




Andrew didn't want freckles anymore.

Muggie Maggie

by Beverly Cleary



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Muggie Maggie

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Chapter I









When Maggie jumped off the bus after her first day









of third grade, her dog, Kisser, and her mom were waiting









for her. Her mom asked her about school. Maggie said the









teacher was okay, although Maggie did not get picked



to be a monitor.









At dinner, Maggie announced that her third-grade class







would begin learning cursive later in the week.







Maggie did not want to learn cursive.









Her parents explained that most people wrote in cursive,







especially adults. Checks, grocery lists, and memos were often







in cursive. Maggie told her parents that she did not need to



read any of those things.







Maggie did not want to learn











The next day at school, Maggie's teacher, Mrs. Leeper,







had the class practice writing loops. She explained that





in cursive writing the letters flow together. While the other









students practiced writing the cursive letters, Maggie just made





roller coasters on her paper.







Maggie did not want to learn cursive.









When Mrs. Leeper questioned Maggie about not doing







loops and lines like the rest of the class, Maggie told her









she had a computer at home and did not need to learn









to write in cursive. Mrs. Leeper wanted Maggie to stay after







school, but Maggie told her that she would miss her bus.







Maggie did not want to learn cursive.







She looked at her mother's grocery list that evening







and asked why her letters leaned the wrong way. Mom







explained she was left-handed, and the teachers had not







taught her to turn her paper, so all of her letters leaned.







Her mother also put circles above the i instead of dots like









Mrs. Leeper had said to do. Later, Maggie watched her father









sign his name at the bottom of a letter. She told him that







he was not closing his loops. He quickly closed his loops.