

Bud Not Buddy

Bud changed a lot in the book. At first Bud felt like nobody wanted to take care of him. Throughout the book people started to care about him. In the beginning of the book he gets sent to the Amoses. The next morning Bud and Tom Amoss fight and when Tom's mom comes in Tom fakes that Bud hurt him and his mom gets him in trouble. Bud's punishment is to get put in a shed to sleep in for the night. In this moment, Bud felt unappreciated, sad, and lonely. Nobody was there to care for him. Later on, after he left the shed, Bud meets Lefty and he begins to feel like people appreciate him and care about him at least a little. When they got to Grand Rapids, he met his "dad" and the band, who he discovered was his grandpa. Through finding a family member, Bud felt like he was uniting with his family, which he did not feel at the beginning of the story. Towards the end of the book, Bud feels part of a group, and no longer feels a loner. He meets a man who gives him a saxophone and invites him to be part of the band, if he practices. This invitation made Bud feel happy, joyful, and feel like he is part of a family, and that his role mattered. Throughout the book, Bud learned to never give up, no matter how hard things got in his life, and realized that life could get better, and he could find a place and people with whom he feels comfortable.