

Bud Not Buddy

Bud changed a lot during the book and was discovering new things along the way. When Bud was in home (A children's foster home), he didn't feel loved. He lived with other kids and doesn't get special attention like he wish he would. Bud got sent to someone's house for a foster family. The family was nice to him, but the son they had didn't want him in there family, so he pretended that Bud hurt him, threatened him and made it seem like Bud wet the bed, and Todd the son of his foster family knew that the mom doesn't like the people that wet the bed. He ran away because there family was torturing him, and he didn't feel like that was the right place for him. He was starting to change, meaning that he knows that he might not always get a meal. Another way he has been changing is that he has more confidence than he did at the beginning of his journey. The people he meets along his journey are helping him. For example he is late for a free breakfast place and a family pretends it is their son so he can get breakfast. Another person that helped him is Lefty Louis. Lefty Louis thought he saw someone in a bush, so he got bud out of his hiding spot, and he gave Bud some food because he could tell that he was starving. That was one of the places where Bud gained confidence. Bud lied and told Lefty Louise that he was going to Grand Rapids, when he was actually from Flint. The reason he wanted to go to Grand Rapids is he thinks that his father (Herman E Calloway) lives there. He is desperate to meet his father, because his mother died and he wants to live with someone, instead of being on the streets living alone. Bud was not exactly right when he thought that Herman E Calloway was a nice, kind, friendly and smart, when he wasn't that kind of dad. He was surprised that Herman E Calloway didn't want him in his life, but the rest of his band disagrees with him. The band decides that he will get to try an instrument that will be good for his age. He sleeps at the band's community home. At the end Bud gets his own Saxophone, and realizes that Herman E Calloway is his grandfather, and they live together. At the end of the story, Bud is happy with his new family and is looking forward to new memories with them.