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# Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

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# Book Review

**Title:** Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

**Author:** Judy Blume

**Illustrator:** Roy Doty

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**Publisher:** Puffin Books

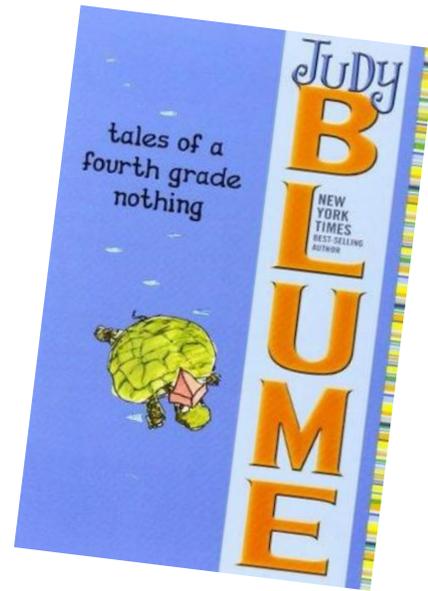
**Publication Year:** 2007

**ISBN:** 9780142408810

**Number of Pages:** 144

**Interest Level:** Primary

**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

Elementary aged children with pesky younger siblings will thoroughly sympathize with Peter. His younger brother Fudge is Peter's biggest problem. He's loud, messy, stinky, embarrassing and nosy. Living with Fudge is one of the hardest things Peter has to do. However, through a series of events, Peter learns that Fudge isn't 100 percent bad, and realizes that his parents love him as much as they love Fudge.

Judy Blume accurately and enjoyably gives voice to her young character Peter, reminding all readers what it is truly like to be a fourth grader. Blume has a way of creating believable characters, painting the world as they see it and allowing readers of all ages to relate to their challenges as well as their triumphs. *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* is a short chapter book that could be utilized by elementary students and teachers alike to not only sharpen reading comprehension, but also to teach young hearts to step outside themselves and their own needs and care a little more about what their family members and those around them need.