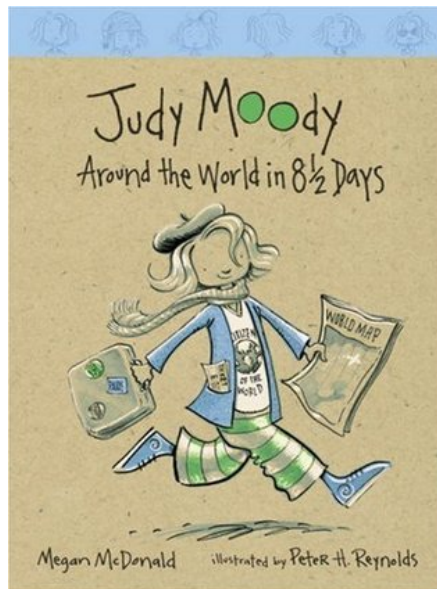




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A brand-new friend and a big class project put Judy in an international mood in this comical new adventure.

Judy Moody cannot believe her ears. There at the lunch table, a girl called Amy Namey is interviewing Judy's best friends, Rocky and Frank. Even worse, Amy is dressed like Nellie Bly, daredevil woman reporter, much like Judy's emulation of a certain woman doctor. Is this clipboard-carrying girl destined to be Judy's new best enemy? Or new best friend? Judy Moody finds some unexpected potholes on the path to friendship as Class 3T takes a whirlwind tour of the globe, investigating everything from tooth-brushing sticks in Yemen to an Italian "spider dance" along the way. Fans will cheer as Judy finally masters the challenge of making new friends and keeping the old -- for sure and absolute positive!

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Allie Pitcher says

I liked this book because it was funny and very interesting to learn about other places in the world. I liked how Judy Moody tried to do the final project by herself and her friends forgave her for taking the spotlight. I would recommend this book for 3rd graders and could be used as a whole class reading book.

Indah Threer Lestari says

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Michaela says

Dnes robím poriadky a pozerám, že čo to má Evka str?ené v zošite matematiky. A áno, dnes sme robili úlohy! Som matka roka, vydržala som to skoro až do konca prázdnin, aj keď malá si ich chcela robiť už na Štedrý deň. Inak, aké príhodné. Doma máme ďalšiu Dadu Náladu! Tá moja sa volá Eva Nálada, lebo už za?ína skúšať pubertálne odúvanie sa...

Takže, či to nemá z tejto knihy. Dnes si ju pre?ítam aj ja. Heh.

Nadšená z nej vraj až tak nebola, ale tvrdí, že to nebolo najhoršie, len strašne krátke. 17 riadkov na stranu. (Bože, ona to aj po?ítala!!! To sa až tak ve?mi nudí?!)

Randall says

I liked this book. I think that Megan McDonald is a really good author. She knows how to talk in "Kid Language". In the book the main character named Judy Moody meets a girl named Amy Namey, and they become friends. At first Judy's friends like her but then they feel that she stole her. I recommend this book to people who like childish or and playful books. This book also has a series.

Judith Follo says

What a wonderful children's book! I love the characters and the theme of this story. It was really done well and I feel most children can relate to at least part of what Judy goes through.

Rachel says

I love judy moody

Steven R. McEvoy says

Jody Moody is awesome! I love her character, and her interactions with her friends and her family. The books in this series will make you laugh and look at the world a little differently. This book is a little different from most in the series, as it really focuses more closely on just Judy. There is a little less interaction with her family and her friends than in the other 6 books I have read in this series.

Read the whole review on my blog [Book Reviews and More](#).

Gracelyn says

It was a great book. It was a chapter book and it also had pictures. The around the world in 8 days project was due and they were not working together as a team. They were fighting, not working together, and making music go faster during their dance routine. Mr. Todd had a talk with them and they understood. They decided to go around the world in 8 1/2 days. They made a huge pizza with the symbols of Italy. It was the biggest pizza ever. Amy even got a pic for her newspaper.

Sara says

Judy Moody meets her enemy-nemesis turned best-friend, Amy Namey. She joins the My name is a poem club, with a membership card and all. Amy Namey is a girl reporter, and comes to their class to tell them about Nellie Bly, a female reporter who went around the world in 72 days. Their two third grade classes go around the world in 8 days, each group having a different country to present. Judy's team has Italy, but her teammates get angry at her after she doesn't show up to the Italian dance practice. She ends up doing the project herself, but since it doesn't go down very well, her teacher gives her teammates/best friends an extra half day to complete their part (hence the 8 ½ in the title). Her friends also are mad at her because she starts to ignore them to hang out with Amy Namey – a problem I am sure that a third grader can relate to.

Mia Bakhthiar says

I was re-organizing my shelf when I came across this old gem from my childhood. I decided to give it a re-read and was not the least bit let down! I remember now how big an influence it had on me when I was younger.

Luke says

Title: Judy Moody: Around the World in 8 ½ Days
Author: Megan McDonald

Illustrator: Peter H Reynolds

Genre: Transitional Chapter

Theme(s): Friendship

Brief Book Summary:

Judy Moody meets Amy Namey, and at first they don't seem to get along too well. Gradually, Judy realizes that she has much in common with Amy, and starts hitting it off with her, even choosing to go to her club over her friends' club. This leaves some of her older friends feeling left out, and they decide to stop talking to Judy completely. Judy learns much about making new friends and making time for old, eventually making up with her old friends while keeping her new one as well.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1:

Carrie Hane Hung (Children's Literature)

Enter Amy, new girl in school, and suddenly Judy no longer feels unique as her friends, Rocky and Frank, comment on the similarities between the two girls. Although she is a bit resentful and hesitant at first, Judy Moody begins her friendship with Amy Namey because of their common interest in ABC (after been chewed) gum and their rhyming names. Amy invites Judy to join the My-Name-Is-a-Poem Club where members with rhyming names write to each other. As Judy and Amy's friendship grows, the old friendships become neglected. On Saturday, Judy opts not to join her friends at the Furs & Fangs pet store racing event in the morning. Instead she goes to Amy's house where the girls write postcards to members of the My-Name-Is-a-Poem Club and make chewing gum. Time passes by quickly and unfortunately, Judy forgets her scheduled afternoon meeting with Rocky, Frank, and Jessica to work on their class project about Italy, a part of the geography course, Around the World in 8 Days. A rift between Judy and her friends about the Italy project develops, seriously affecting their presentation. The teacher, Mr. Todd, gives the group the opportunity to work out their conflict, and the presentation is extended a day. Judy deals with making new friends and keeping the old friends in this fun and light story, which is a part of the Judy Moody series.

Professional Recommendation/Review #2:

Deborah Mervold and Kira Gerein (CM Magazine, September 28, 2012 (Vol. XIX, No. 4))

A new character has been added to the series. Amy Namey is confident and in the school's other Grade 3 class. Judy discovers that Amy has been to Bubble Gum Alley and that the two share a common interest in ABC gum collections. ABC stands for already been chewed. However, with the addition of Amy, Judy no longer feels unique and original; she feels like a clone. Judy changes Amy from an enemy into a friend when Amy invites Judy to join the rhyming name club with official name badges. Amy likes Nellie Bly, the famous reporter, just like Judy likes Elizabeth Blackwell, the famous doctor. Amy is invited to their Grade 3 class to tell the students about Nellie's race around the world. The students are then informed that they are going to do a group project with each group selecting a country similar to Nellie's route, and they have criteria which they research and then present to their class. Judy's group of her two friends, Frank and Rocky, plus Jessica, a girl in their class, get off to a great start but then runs into trouble when Judy's relationship with her new friend interrupts their group work time. The students learn what it means to work together and how to be successful and complete their project, although not how it was originally intended. The language provides colour and humour to the story. The 12 chapters have titles which add humour as well as develop the plot, with some examples being "Rhyme Time", "Nellie Bly Says Goodbye" and "No-Talky Rocky vs Judy Snooty". There is a "Who's Who" page at the beginning of the book with a picture of each character and a comment by Judy. This character gallery adds interest and humour to the text as do the pen and ink illustrations by Peter H. Reynolds. Although Judy Moody Around the World in 8½ Days is a part of a series, this book also stands alone. The author includes pages about the author and illustrator at the end of the book, titled "Ten things you might not know about the author and illustrator". Reference to a Judy Moody website is included. Judy Moody Around the World in 8½ Days would appeal to a variety of readers, including readers of humour, and realistic fiction. This book would be an excellent class novel for individual reading or as a read aloud choice. It would be an excellent addition for personal, class, school and public libraries.

Response to Two Professional Reviews:

The second review states that this is a book in a series, but that also stands alone and I would have to agree. I

have never read anything else from this series, but I found that this book was very enjoyable. I agree with the reviews and think that the book established a sense of humor and lightness throughout the book, which made the reading all the more enjoyable. I think any child – who is able to read at this level – would enjoy this book thoroughly.

Evaluation of Literary Elements:

The theme throughout the book is pertinent, especially for the younger children reading this book. The lesson of friendships, how they change, and how to maintain them is important for children to learn about. I know I had many different friendships that were always changing and I could have benefited from reading a book like this.

The use of illustrations throughout the book also adds an aspect of fun. I felt that the illustrations were simple, and didn't take away from the story but added another dimension, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Consideration of Instructional Application:

I think one thing you could use this book for is to introduce the topic of studying places around the world. The children would see this activity in the book and then could try it on their own. In addition to this, I think I could use the book to start a conversation about friendship and how Judy could have handled both her new friends as well as her old to avoid conflict completely. I could have the children write their own versions where Judy was able to balance her time and keep her friends happy.

Gmr says

A trip around the world inspired by a female reporter's wild ride, taken in next to no time by the kids of 3T...only problem is, a new friend is introduced and although she may be same-same with Judy, she's not a member of their group. Judy initially has a hard time balancing the new and old friendships, but our girl pulls through in the end...and dances a fairly interesting tarantula!

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Parth Purohit says

Very good

Meghan says

There is a new girl in Judy's life, Amy Namey. She is just like Judy, and at first Judy is jealous about all the attention she is getting. Once they become friends, Judy can't be separated from Amy and this makes her friends upset that they have been forgotten. This leaves Judy to do her project on Italy all by herself. This novel shows the meaning of friends, and just because you meet new people, doesn't mean you forget about the old. The plot was done well, as it teaches kids how to have friends. There was never a moment during the novel where the action wavered; it was engaging and fun to read. The characters were done well, there wasn't too much development, but they did learn some valuable lessons, which makes this worth reading.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

?Judy Moody: Around the World in 8 1/2 Days (Judy Moody #7), Megan McDonald

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Elizabeth says

So, Judy Moody is in the classroom and this girl appeared when she was sitting next to her best friends and she was a reporter and she said, "What would you like for lunch?" And two of Judy Moody's best friends chose pizza, but SHE chose French Toast. And so, she said, "Check!" And Judy Moody said to her friends, "You can't have pizza every day of the week," because they said they wanted pizza every day of the week! And the reporter said, "Why not? My mom knows the lunch ladies!" And so she said, "If you were the principal, what would you change the school rules to?" "Candy machines," said Frank. "A skate park," said Frank. "A swimming pool," said Rocky. "No school picture day," said Rocky. "No pizza reporters bugging us at lunchtime," said Judy. So Judy Moody said, "OK, I got an idea for REAL!" "Chew gum in school!"

So, at recess, Judy Moody finds the reporter and the reporter tells Judy about "My Name is a Poem" club. This isn't just a club for anybody. It's a club for people all over the world who have a name that rhymes. Judy Moody joins the club and they meet at the reporter's house. Judy Moody makes pickle flavored gum to trick her little brother.

They sent postcards to others in the club... one had ABC (Already Been Chewed)gum in it so it could get stuck on the Wall of Gum.

Judy's teacher gives them an assignment to go around the world in 8 1/2 days. Her team is Rocky and Frank and a girl named Isabella. But Rocky and Judy got in a big fight because they're not playing together that much and she is only playing with the reporter and so they can't really do it, but they are trying to. Judy says that they should do a dance and the teacher heard and told them that that was a good idea, but he told them it would also take a lot of work and so they kept practicing but Judy had to go to "My Name is a Poem" club and so they got mad at her and they wouldn't talk to each other.

I like this book because I like the reporter and I like how they go around the world and how at first Rocky and Frank liked Amy Namey, but then they didn't like her and they were jealous.

Amy says

It wasn't my favorite elementary school book, but I appreciated how it addressed friendship complications.

Nyla says

7 year old review - I loved this book because they do an around the world project of Italy. And I like when she says "ROAR ROAR"

Elizabeth says

This is a story on how the Judy Moody went around the world in 8 and 1/2 days with her whole 3rd grade class and all the messes her group made on the way.

J says

A little out of order but a good stand alone story. Fun for the little one and Judy is an interesting character.
