



Discussion Questions

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Curtis

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1. What makes Bud so self-conscious and protective of his name? What is special about his name?
2. What was your impression of the Amos family, through Bud's description? What impression did they have on Bud? What made the two alike, and why?
3. Talk about the significance of Bud's experiences at Hooverville? What did Bud remember most about that stop, and why? What do you think the Hooverville community resembled to Bud?
4. How do you think Bud felt when he missed the train? What were his feelings toward the situation regarding Bugs?
5. Describe Bud and Deza Malone's relationship and its significance. What did he remember most about her and their romantic night?
6. Read "Shenandoah," the song the mouth organ man was playing. What does this song signify? Do you think Bud will ever see her again?
7. How does Bud feel towards "Herman E. Calloway" in his first encounter with him? How does he feel towards him after the alarming news? Do his feelings change?
8. Who is Bud's favorite band member? Why do you think that is?
9. Bud seems to really like Miss Thomas, as he refers to her as "the most beautiful woman in the world". Who do you think Miss Thomas resembles?