

Title: **Bud, not Buddy**

Hi everyone! Anna here. For the Black History Month (February), I wanted to talk about a book that was written by one of my favorite authors, Mr. Christopher Paul Curtis. He is an American author, who is originally from Flint, Michigan. And the book title is, Bud, not Buddy!

So, let's talk about this book.

The book is about a 10-year-old homeless boy, Bud Caldwell, who lives through the Great Depression in the 1930's. The story begins with Bud being placed with a new foster family. All members of the foster family were cruel, mean, and unfair to him, so he decides to escape. Bud's momma died when he was six years old, leaving him with nothing but a cardboard suitcase filled with memories and a possible clue of who his father may be.

Now, ten years old and on the run, Bud lives among the homeless population in Flint, Michigan, until he decides to walk to the city of Grand Rapids in search of his dad. Helped by a few kind people along the way, Bud eventually finds Herman E. Calloway, an elderly famous jazz musician who tells Bud that he is not his father. But the contents of Bud's suitcase show the clues to prove that Calloway is indeed related to Bud, not as his father but his grandfather, his momma's estranged dad.

The book has a happy ending with Herman apologizing to Bud for his resentment towards him and allowing Bud to stay with him and his jazz band.

To wrap it up, I think this book is a good source for learning about the Great Depression and Jazz music. Book also talks about social injustices, racial segregation, and the hardship of African Americans during the Great Depression. The author, Mr. Curtis, describes Bud's character traits as a brave, resilient, and clever boy with a great sense of humor and big imagination.

That's all for the book club, today.

Thank you for reading my book review and let's keep reading!

